MINUTES

THE EIGHTY-SIXTH

Annual Convention

of the

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

of

Kansas and Adjacent States

and of the

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

of the

Synodical

Women's Missionary Society

May 3 to 5, 1954

St. John's Lutheran Church

Salina, Kansas

ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States — Organized November 6, 1868

YEAR	PLACE	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1868	Topeka	Rev. S. P. Harrington	Rev. E. J. Kellinger	Rev. A. G. Wagenhals
1869	Atchison	Rev. M. G. Boyer	Rev. E. J. Kellinger	Rev. A. G. Wagenhals
1869	Kansas City	Rev. A. J. Hesson	Rev. S. P. Harrington	Mr. J. G. Groenmiller
1870	Lawrence	Rev. A. J. Hesson	Rev. S. P. Harrington	Mr. J. G. Groenmiller
1871	Grasshopper Falls	Rev. D. Harbaugh	Rev. H. B. Belmer	Mr. J. H. Schell
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1878	Peabody	Rev. T. F. Dornblaser	Kev. A. K. Felton	Mr. P. Weidlein
1879	Abilene	Rev. T. F. Dornblaser	Rev. S. P. Harrington	Mr. C. H. Lebold
1880	Lawrence	Rev. S. S. Waltz	Rev. J. P. Harpster	Mr. J. E. Herbst
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1883	Eureka	Rev. A. J. Kissell	Kev. J. A. Lowe	Dr. J. E. Tressler
1884	Topeka	Rev. A. J. Kissell	Rev. M. F. Troxell	Dr. J. E. Tressler
1885	Peabody	Rev. M. F. Troxell	Rev. J. A. Lowe	Dr. J. E. Tressler
1886	Waterville	Rev. J. M. Cromer	Rev. F. D. Altman	Mr. J. E. Herbst
1887	Abilene	Rev. J. M. Cromer	Rev. F. D. Altman	Mr. J. E. Herbst
1888	Lawrence	Rev. W. M. Sparr	Rev. G. D. Gotwald	Mr. A. L. Selig
1889	Atchison	Rev. W. M. Sparr	Rev. G. D. Gotwald	Mr. A. L. Selig
1890	Salina	Rev. F. D. Altman	Rev. H. L. Yarger	Mr. A. L. Selig
1891	Emporia	Rev. F. D. Altman	Rev. H. L. Yarger	Mr. J. H. Berlin
1892	Kansas City	Rev. J. A. Lowe	Rev. W. L. Seabrook	Mr. J. H. Berlin
1893	Kansas City	Rev. J. A. Lowe	Rev. R. B. Whitehill	Mr. J. H. Berlin
1894	Topeka	Rev. W. F. Rentz	Rev. R. B. Whitehill	Mr. A. L. Selig
1895	Abilene	Rev. W. F. Rentz	Rev. T. M. Overholzer	Mr. A. L. Selig
1896	Lawrence	Rev. A. E. Wagner	Rev. T. M. Overholzer	Mr. A. L. Selig
1897	Peabody	Rev. A. E. Wagner	Rev. J. F. Seibert	Mr. J. E. Brewer
1898	Hutchinson	Rev. A. E. Haithcox	Rev. J. F. Seibert	Mr. J. E. Brewer
1899	Atchison	Rev. A. E. Haithcox	Rev. J. F. Seibert	Mr. J. E. Brewer
1900	Waterville	Kev. H. L. Yarger	Rev. R. B. Wolf	Mr. J. P. Burtis
1901	Wellington	Kev. H. L. Yarger	Rev. R. B. Wolf	Mr. J. P. Burtis
1902	Salina	Rev. I. B. Haisey	Rev. R. B. Wolf	Mr. J. P. Burtis
1903	St. Joseph	Rev. I. B. Haisey	Rev. E. E. Stauffer	Mr. H. L. Humphrey
1904	Eureka	Rev. R. B. Wolf	Rev. E. E. Stauffer	Mr. H. L. Humphrey
1905	Emporia	Rev. R. B. Wolf	Rev. E. E. Stauffer	Mr. A. T. Olson
1906	Topeka	Rev. H. A. Ott	Rev. J. J. Chambers	Mr. A. T. Olson
1907	Ottawa	Rev. H. A. Ott	Rev. S. M. Lesher	Dr. J. E. Tressler
1908	Peabody	Rev. G. S. Murphey	Rev. S. M. Lesher	Dr. J. E. Tressler
1909	Kansas City	Rev. G. S. Murphey	Rev. G. G. Clark	Mr. E. J. Wolf
1910	Lawrence	Rev. E. E. Stauffer	Rev. G. G. Clark	Mr. E. J. Wolf
1911	Abilene	Rev. E. E. Stauffer	Rev. J. H. Feterolf	Mr. J. A. Wible
1912	Hays	Rev. G. G. Clark	Rev. J. H. Feterolf	Mr. J. A. Wible
1913	St. Joseph	Rev. B. R. Lantz	Rev. C. G. Aue	Mr. W. M. Thistle
1914	Eureka	Rev. Geo. Beiswanger	Rev. Paul Mennenoeh	Mr. W. M. Thistle
1915	Topeka	Rev. C. F. Wiest	Rev. Paul Mennenoeh	Mr. W. M. Thistle
1916	Lawrence	Rev. J. C. Jacoby	Rev. Paul Mennenoeh	Mr. L. T. Bang
1917	Wichita	Rev. Carl G. Aue	Rev. Paul Mennenoeh	Mr. L. T. Bang
1918	Lawrence	Rev. Paul Mennenoeh	Rev. L. A. Harshman	Mr. L. T. Bang
1919	Salina	Rev. Paul Mennenoeh	Rev. J. C. Jacoby	Mr. L. T. Bang
1920	Atchison	Rev. R. L. Paterson	Rev. C. W. Nelson	Mr. L. T. Bang
1921	Emporia	Rev. C. E. Gardner	Rev. N. D. Goehring	Mr. L. T. Bang
1922	Peabody	Rev. C. E. Gardner	Rev. G. W. Styer	Mr. L. T. Bang
1923	Hutchinson	Rev. S. S. Kauffman	Rev. E. C. Nielsen	Mr. L. T. Bang
1924	Wellington	Rev. S. S. Kauffman	Rev. E. C. Nielsen	Mr. L. T. Bang
1925	Abilene	Rev. W. E. Wheeler	Rev. E. C. Nielsen	Mr. L. T. Bang
1926	Wichita	Rev. W. E. Wheeler	Rev. E. C. Nielsen	Mr. L. T. Bang
1928	Oklahoma City	Rev. J. A. McCulloch	Rev. H. W. Monesmith	Mr. L. T. Bang
1929	Kansas City, Mo.	Rev. J. A. McCulloch	Rev. C. N. Swihart	Mr. L. T. Bang
1930	Lawrence	Rev. C. N. Swihart	Rev. H. J. McGuire	Mr. L. T. Bang
1931	Hays	Rev. C. N. Swihart	Rev. H. J. McGuire	Mr. L. T. Bang
1932	Hutchinson	Rev. G. K. Mykland	Rev. H. J. McGuire	Mr. L. T. Bang
1933	Topeka	Rev. G. K. Mykland	Rev. H. J. McGuire	Mr. L. T. Bang
1934	St. Joseph	Rev. H. J. McGuire	Rev. C. A. Puls	Mr. L. T. Bang
1935	Tulsa	Rev. E. V. Roland	Rev. C. A. Puls	Mr. L. T. Bang
1936	Salina	Rev. E. V. Roland	Rev. C. A. Puls	Mr. L. T. Bang
1937	Wichita	Rev. C. A. Puls	Rev. W. W. Klover	Mr. L. T. Bang
1938	Oklahoma City	Rev. C. A. Puls	Rev. W. W. Klover	Mr. L. T. Bang
1939	Kansas City, Mo.	Rev. Andreas Bard	Rev. W. W. Klover	Mr. L. T. Bang
1940	Atchison	Rev. Andreas Bard	Rev. W. W. Klover	Mr. L. T. Bang
1941	Lawrence	Rev. W. W. Klover	Rev. G. R. Whittecar	Mr. L. T. Bang
1942	Hutchinson	Rev. W. W. Klover	Rev. G. R. Whittecar	Mr. L. T. Bang
1943	Topeka	Rev. G. R. Whitecar	Rev. G. L. Search	Mr. L. T. Bang
1944	Kansas City, Mo	Rev. G. R. Whitecar	Rev. G. L. Search	Mr. L. T. Bang
1945	Eureka	Rev. Alfred J. Bell	Rev. G. L. Search	Miss C. Ellenberger
1946	Chapman	Rev. Alfred J. Bell	Rev. G. L. Search	Miss C. Ellenberger
1947	Hays	Rev. G. L. Search	Rev. E. F. Tonsing	Mr. John W. Carr
[illegible]	Topeka	Rev. G. L. Search	Rev. E. F. Tonsing	Mr. John W. Carr
	St. Joseph, Mo.	Rev. R. R. Frobenius	Rev. E. F. Tonsing	Mr. John W. Carr
	Ft. Smith, Ark.	Rev. R. R. Frobenius	Rev. E. F. Tonsing	Mr. John W. Carr
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	[illegible]ansas City, Ks.	Rev. E. F. Tonsing	Rev. W. W. Alexander	Mr. C. M. Stark
	[illegible]utchinson, Ks.	Rev. W. W. Alexander	Rev. H. G. Ritzen	Mr. C. M. Stark
	[illegible]ilton, Ks.	Rev. W. W. Alexander	Rev. H. G. Ritzen	

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May 3-5, 1954

St. John's Lutheran Church
Salina, Kansas

Walter H. Moeller, Pastor
302 S. 7th., Salina, Kansas

Roll of Synod—Clergy—1954

PASTOR AND ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	PARISH	ORDAINED	ENTERED SYNOD
Alexander, Willard W., 801 N. 17th, Kansas City 2, Kan.	DR 3690	Trinity	1935	1945
Allen, Harry R., 3743 Harrison Blvd., Kansas City 3, Mo.	VA 62346, LO 4194	St. Mark's	1926	1951
Angersbach, Arthur, 313 N. Elm St., Eureka, Kansas	906	Christ	1928	1949
Ashley, Martin C., Waterville, Kansas	58	St. Mark's	1949	1949
Baird, H. Vance, 340 West 12th St., Fremont, Nebraska			1938	1943
Barthel, Wayne B., Chapman, Kansas	4511	Scherer Memorial	1949	1949
Bergstresser, Fuller, D.D., 514 West 3rd, Abilene, Kansas	1306	Trinity	1894	1926
Bernhardt, Harvey H., Washington, Kansas	433	Good Shepherd	1937	1951
*de Freese, Klaas, D.D., 317 N. 8th, WaKeeney, Kansas	247	Bethlehem	1916	1934
Eller, Geo. W., 613 N. Mill, Beloit, Kansas	454	Zion	1935	1939
Ensrud, J. O., D.D., 202 Belle View Blvd., Alexandria, Va.		U. S. Army (Ret.)	1912	1926
Funk, David M., 912 S. Osage St., Sedalia, Missouri		Trinity	1922	1953
Frederick, Sherman E., 206 W. 7th, Emporia, Kansas	3051	St. Mark's	1937	1947
Freeberg, Arthur C., 3223 S. 23rd, Omaha 9, Nebraska		Aug. Church	1945	1945
Frobenius, Reno R., 316 S. 10th, St. Joseph, Missouri	2-8378	First	1930	1943
Geissler, Max H., 213 E. Division St., Peabody, Kansas	226	St. Paul's	1931	1949
Hansen, Clarence J., Rockport, Missouri		Rock Port-Langdon	1946	1949
Hirsch, Edwin J., 10520 E. 59th, Kansas City, Missouri	AR 9523	Blue Ridge Trinity	1933	1948
Johnson, Raymond, Sunrise Beach, Missouri		Kent Memorial	1941	1953
†Keisler, E. Bryan, D.D., Central Seminary, Fremont, Neb.	332	Professor	1923	1948
La Fontaine, Leo S., 517 Lecta St., Ft. Smith, Arkansas	2-3863, 2-7487	St. Luke's	1937	1950
Larsen, Aksel C., 3454 S. Gary St., Tulsa 15, Oklahoma	72-8321, 2-6566	First	1936	1951
Lehman, Arno, Box 68, New Cambria, Kansas		New Cambria-Mentor	1953	1953
McCulloch, J. A., D.D., 2710 Blue Ridge Blvd., K. C. 29, Mo.	CL 7199	Ret. Pas. Em.	1898	1921
Mendenhall, George N., 709 N. 6th St., Sterling, Kansas		Retired	1908	1949
Miller, Arthur W., 323 N. Jefferson, Wellington, Kansas	43	St. John's	1953	1953
Moeller, Walter H., 310 S. 7th St., Salina, Kansas	4949, 5081	St. John's	1931	1952
Most, W. F., 4637 W. 69th Terrace, Prairie Village 15, Kansas	EN 8333	Faith	1931	1951
Naugle, Calvin J., 405 S. Van Brunt Blvd., K. C. 24, Missouri	BE 6640, CH 2097	Children's Memorial	1938	1945
‡Peery, T. Benton, S.T.D., 837 N. Market, Wichita 5, Kansas	FO3-0810, FO 3-5177	St. Paul's	1926	1947
Ritzen, H. G., 1015 N. Washington, Hutchinson, Kansas	3-3513	Zion	1941	1947
Search, George L., 901 S. 5th St., Atchison, Kansas	480, 321	St. Mark's	1932	1932
Schmidt, Arthur E., Box 31, Cole Camp, Missouri	250	United	1927	1952
Shirck, J. Franklin, Greenleaf, Kansas	81	Trinity and St. Paul's	1945	1945
Smith, Eugene, 253 S. Battin St., Wichita, Kansas	63-6018	Reformation	1947	1947
Tonsing, Ernest F., 434 Harrison St., Topeka, Kansas	8-8273, 3-7007	First	1936	1936
Tychsen, Thomas, 623 W. Walnut, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota		Retired	1909	1949
Zinger, Don H., 4812 Marvin Rd., Kansas City 16, Missouri	GL 8802, GL1018	Bethlehem	1952	1952
Names added since 1954 convention:				
Bumgarner, Elvin, Valley Falls, Kansas		St. Paul's	1954	1954
Hamilton, Robert, Glasco, Kansas		St. Paul's	1954	1954
Kocher, Robert, Lancaster, Kansas		St. John's	1954	1954
Schlichter, Robert, Kansas City, Missouri		Mission (South Area)	1954	1954

*Resigned to accept call as assistant pastor, St. Mark's, Davenport, Iowa.
†Transferred to Texas Synod, May 13, 1954.
‡Resigned effective, June 1, 1954.

Roll of Lay Delegates

Roy Ellson, Abilene, Kansas (Trinity)
John Kindsher, Beloit, Kansas (Zion Lutheran)
Ernest Deschner, alternate
Wm. Deschner, alternate
George Nelson, Blue Ridge, Kansas (Trinity)
A. Sanborn, Chapman, Kansas (Scherer Memorial)
Lillie M. Kreisel, Cole Camp, Missouri (United Lutheran)
E. Dee Shepherd, Emporia, Kansas (St. Mark's)
Max Martin, Glasco, Kansas (St. Paul's)
Don Epperson, Hutchinson, Kansas (Zion)
Robert G. Oltmanns, alternate
R. H. Lage, Kansas City, Kansas (Trinity)
Harry Luth, Kansas City, Missouri (St. Mark's)
A. D. Fennell, Kansas City, Missouri (Children's Memorial)
F. D. McClure, Kansas City, Missouri (Bethlehem)
Mrs. Oliver McLenon, Lancaster, Kansas (St. John's)
Albert C. Hayden, Lawrence (Trinity)
Fred Kloepper, Lawrence, Kansas (Trinity), alternate
W. Romaine Forsberg, Mentor, Kansas (St. Paul's)
Laurence Swanson, Mentor, Kansas (St. Paul's), alternate
Frank Wilson, Peabody, Kansas (St. Paul's Lutheran)
C. Holm, Prairie Village, Missouri (Faith)
Dr. Chauncey G. Bly, Prairie Village, Missouri (Faith)
Harry H. Fuelling, Rock Port (Langdon) (First and St. Peter's)
Wm. Hogrefe, Salina, Kansas (St. John's)
Clinton J. Muller, Sedalia, Missouri (Trinity)
R. O. Schriver, St. Joseph, Missouri (First Evangelical)
Duane C. Skogen, Topeka, Kansas (First)
Ivan H. Weinhold, Wilson, Kansas (Excelsior)
James Klema, alternate
E. L. Bumgarner, Sr., Tulsa, Oklahoma (First)
E. E. Ferguson, Valley Falls, Kansas (St. Paul's)
William Schrivien, WaKeeney, Kansas (Bethlehem)
Ralph Davison, Washington, Kansas (Good Shepherd)
Arthur Geyer, Waterville, Kansas (St. Mark's)
Lyman O. Adams, alternate
Levi Dunlap, Wellington, Kansas (St. John's)
Dale Koegeboehn, Wichita, Kansas (St. Paul's)
C. Bauerle, alternate
J. T. Jenkins, Wichita, Kansas (Reformation)
Howard Darge, alternate

DIRECTORY OF SYNOD—1954

ELECTED OFFICERS OF SYNOD 1954

President

Rev. W. W. Alexander, 801 N. 17th, Kansas City, Kansas

Vice-President

Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing, 434 Harrison Topeka, Kansas

Secretary

Rev. H. G. Ritzen, 1015 N. Washington Hutchinson, Kansas

Treasurer

Mr. Charles M. Stark, 932 So. 10th, Salina, Kansas

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Statistician

Mr. Charles Harkness, Jr., 715 Main St. Hays, Kansas

Historian

Dr. George Anderson, Rte. 4, University Dr., Lawrence, Kansas

Editor, "Kansas Synod Lutheran"

Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing, 434 Harrison Topeka, Kansas

ELECTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

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Rev. H. G. Ritzen, Secretary
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Mr. Edgar W. Holden, Greenleaf, Ks.
Rev. W. F. Most, 4637 W. 69 Terrace, Prairie Village, Kansas.
Mr. Geo. P. Reichel, 3419 Coleman Road, Kansas City, Mo.
Rev. Aksel C. Larsen, 3454 S. Gary, Tulsa 15, Okla.
Mr. Dale Koegeboehn, 6012 Zimmerly, Wichita, Kansas

Home Missions Committee

Rev. Reno Forbenius, Chairman 1955
Mr. A. D. Fennell, 1955
Rev. Calvin V. Naugle, 1956
Mr. S. Dee Shepherd, 1956
Rev. Geo. W. Eller, 1957
Mr. Wilfred Riegle, 1957
Rev. Geo. L. Search, 1958
Mr. Geo. P. Reichel, 1958

Midland College Board

Rev. W. W. Alexander, Ex Officio
Rev. E. F. Tonsing, 1956
Mr. John Vogel, 1955
Rev. Aksel C. Larsen, 1958
Mr. A. D. Fennell, 1957

Central Seminary Board

Rev. Wm. F. Most, 1958
Mr. Austin Sanborn, 1956
Rev. W. W. Alexander, Ex Officio

Tabitha Home Board

Rev. Calvin Naugle, 1957
Mr. Lyman Adams

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT

Examining

Rev. Reno Frobenius, Chairman 1957
Rev. J. Franklin Schirck, 1957
Rev. W. F. Most, 1956
Rev. Martin C. Ashley, 1956
Rev. A. C. Larsen, 1955
Rev. George Eller, 1955

Ministerial Education

Rev. Martin C. Ashley, Chairman
Dr. T. Benton Peery
Justice William Wertz

Social Missions

Rev. Max Geissler, Chairman
Rev. Wayne Barthel
Rev. Walter H. Moeller
Mr. Le Roy Rinard
Mr. George Reichel

STANDING CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES

Necrology

Rev. J. A. McCulloch, Chairman
Rev. Fuller Bergstresser
Rev. George Mendenhall

Protocol

Rev. Leo S. La Fontaine, Chairman
Rev. Arthur Schmidt
Rev. C. N. Naugle

Synodical Constitution

Rev. Geo. L. Search, Chairman
Rev. Harvey Bernhardt
Rev. Don H. Zinger

COMMITTEES BY APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Foreign Missions

Rev. Harry Allen, Chairman
Rev. Leo S. La Fontaine
Rev. T. Benton Peery
Mrs. Ernest Tonsing
Mrs. George Anderson
Mrs. Alyce Klemma
Mrs. M. H. Barton

Parish Education

Rev. Aksel Larsen, Chairman
Rev. Arthur Miller
Rev. Eugene Smith
Rev. Edwin Hirch, Adult Work
Mrs. J. Kranklin Shirck, Audio-Visual Aids
Mrs. John Cole, Children's Work
Rev. Don Zinger, Youth Work

Wa-Shun-Ga Property

Rev. Geo. L. Search, Chairman
Rev. Martin Ashley
Rev. H. G. Ritzen
Mr. Robert L. Tonsing
Mr. LeRoy Rinard
Mr. Paul Buskirk
Rev. W. W. Alexander, Ex Officio
Mr. Charles M. Stark, Ex Officio
Rev. Aksel C. Larsen, Advisory

Camp Program

Rev. Aksel Larsen, Director
Rev. Sherman Frederick
Rev. Harvey Bernhardt
Miss Gynith Giffin
Mrs. R. L. Tonsing
Rev. W. W. Alexander Ex Officio
Mr. Charles M. Stark, Ex Officio
Rev. Geo. L. Search, Advisory

Synod Merger

Rev. W. W. Alexander, Chairman
Rev. H. G. Ritzen
Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing
Mr. Austin Sanborn
Mr. Wilford Riegle

Stewardship

Rev. Walter H. Moeller, Chairman
Mr. L. W. Bauerle
Mr. Vern Webster
Mr. George Reichel
Mr. Charles M. Stark, Ex Officio

Liturgy and Music

Rev. Arthur Angersbach, Chairman
Rev. K. de Freese
Rev. Clarence Hansen

Inter-Synod Social Welfare

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Rev. Max Geissler

L. W. R.

Rev. Wayne Barthel, Chairman
Rev. Arthur Miller
Rev. G. L. Search

SECRETARIES APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Deaconess Work

Rev. Arno Lehman

L. W. A.

Rev. Walter H. Moeller

Kansas Council of Churches

Rev. Max Geissler

Publications

Rev. T. Benton Peery

Pensions

Rev. Wayne Barthel

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO U.L.C.A. CONVENTION

Clerical Delegates

W. W. Alexander
Ernest F. Tonsing
H. G. Ritzen
Harry R. Allen

Lay Delegates

Charles M. Stark
A. D. Fennell
Dr. Chaucey G. Bly
Clinton J. Muller

Alternate Clerical Delegates

Calvin J. Naugle
Wm. F. Most
Martin C. Ashley
Raymond Johnson

Alternate Lay Delegates

George P. Reichel
Paul C. Busbirk
Austin P. Sanborn
S. Dee Shepherd

Convention Committees

ABSENTEES AND EXCUSES:

Rev. Arthur Angersbach, Chairman, Rev. Martin Ashley, Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, Arthur Gayer, Max Martin, Henry Luth.

CLAIMS:

Rev. Max Geissler, Chairman, Rev. David Funk, Rev. Arthur Schmidt, C. J. Muller, George Nelson, Dale Koegeboehn.

ELECTIONS:

Rev. Eugene Smith, Chairman, Rev. Arthur Miller, Rev. Raymond Johnson, Wm. Hogrefe, Albert Haydan, Duane Skogen, W. Forsberg.

INVITATIONS:

Rev. Edwin Hirsch, Chairman, Rev. Klaas de Freese, Rev. Leo La Fontaine, S. Dee Shepherd, J. F. Jenkins, R. O. Shriver.

MINUTES, 1954:

Rev. Franklin Shirck, Chairman, Rev. Harvey Bernhardt, Rev. Don Zinger, E. L. Bumgarner, Sr., Ralph Davidson, Levi Dunlap.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Rev. W. F. Most, Chairman, Rev. C. J. Naugle, Rev. Wayne Barthel, R. H. Lage, Clarence Holm, Don Epperson.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Rev. T. Benton Peery, Chairman, Rev. George Eller, Rev. W. H. Moeller, Roy Ellsion, Harry Fuelling, Austin Sanborn.

REFERENCE AND COUNSEL:

Rev. A. C. Larsen, Chairman, Rev. E. B. Keisler, Rev. R. R. Frobenius, A. D. Fennell, Frank Wilson, William Schivien.

RESOLUTIONS:

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PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Rev. George L. Search

APPORTIONMENT TABLE—1954

	Com Memb.	Apportmt.	L.W.A
Abilene, Trinity	223	$ 2,453.00	$ 289.90
Atchison, St. Mark's	304	3,344.00	395.20
Beloit, Zion	201	2,211.00	261.30
Bendena, St. John's	155	1,705.00	202.50
Bunkerhill, Mt. Zion	10	110.00	3.00
Chapman, Scherer Memorial	118	1,298.00	153.40
Cole Camp, United	78	858.00	100.40
Emporia, St. Mark's	197	2,167.00	256.10
Eureka, Christ's	126	1,386.00	163.80
Fort Smith, St. Luke's	90	990.00	117.00
Glasco, St. Paul's	155	1,705.00	202.50
Greenleaf, Trinity	63	693.00	81.70
Hays, Trinity	132	1,452.00	171.60
Hutchinson, Zion	162	1,782.00	210.60
Kansas City, Bethlehem United	139	1,529.00	180.70
Kansas City, Children's Memorial	260	2,860.00	338.00
Kansas City, St. Mark's	386	4,246.00	471.80
Kansas City, Trinity	213	2,343.00	276.90
Lancaster, St. John's	99	1,089.00	128.70
Langdon, St. Peter's	92	1,012.00	119.60
Lawrence, Trinity	482	5,302.00	626.60
Marysville, First	18	198.00	23.40
Mentor, St. Paul's	34	374.00	44.20
New Cambria, Peace	26	286.00	33.80
Norcatur, St. Mark's	21	231.00	27.30
Peabody, St.Paul's	95	1,045.00	123.50
Perth, St. James			
Prairie Village, Faith	125	1,375.00	162.50
Raytown, Trinity			
Rockport, First	244	2,684.00	317.20
Salina, St. John's	571	6,281.00	742.38
Sedalia, Trinity	82	902.00	106.60
St. Joseph, First	551	6,061.00	716.30
Sunrise Beach, Kent Memorial	59	649.00	76.70
Topeka, First	239	2,629.00	316.70
Tulsa, First	343	3,773.00	495.90
Valley Falls, St. Paul's	81	891.00	105.30
WaKeeney, Bethlehem	139	1,529.00	180.70
Washington, Good Shepherd	117	1,287.00	152.10
Washington, St. Paul's	18	198.00	23.40
Waterville, St. Mark's	202	2,222.00	262.60
Wellington, St. John's	90	990.00	117.00
Wichita,Reformation			
Wichita, St. Paul's	635	6,985.00	825.50
Wilson, Excelsior	49	539.00	63.70
Chas. A. Harkness, Jr. Statistician	7424	$8,1664.00	$9,678.08

PROCEEDINGS

SESSION I

Monday, May 3, 1:30 p.m.

The 86th annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States began its sessions at St. John's Lutheran Church, Salina, Kansas, Monday afternoon, May 3, 1954, at 1:30 p.m., with the administration of the Holy Communion for pastors and delegates to the synodical convention and the convention of the Women's Missionary Society. The liturgy was read by the secretary, the Rev. H. G. Ritzen; the sermon was preached by the president, the Rev. W. W. Alexander. Assisting with the administration of the Sacrament were the Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing, vice president, and the Rev. Walter H. Moeller, pastor loci.

At 3:00 o'clock the convention was called to order. The order for the Opening of Synod was conducted by President Alexander.

Mr. Vernon A. Webster presented Mayor E. P. Wenger, who extended the welcome of the city of Salina, and Chief of Police H. R. Salmans, who extended the courtesies of the Police Dept. to the delegates.

The clerical roll of Synod, was read and adopted.

The roll of congregations was called and lay delegates introduced. The roll of lay delegate was adopted.

The secretary officially presented the convention bulletin, containing the order of business. A motion was made to adopt the order of business. A motion was made to insert in the order of business preceding the meeting of the Ministerium, the full consideration of the matter concerning the Rev. H. Vance Baird. The motion lost by a vote of 11 to 20 on a call for division.

The motion to adopt the order of business carried.

Convention announcements were made by the Pastor Loci, the Rev. Walter H. Moeller.

The convention was recessed for the meeting of the Ministerium.

SESSION OF THE MINISTERIUM

The ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States met on Monday, May 3, 1954, at 3:30 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church, Salina, Kansas.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. W. W. Alexander.

A motion to request the Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, D.D., President of the United Lutheran Church in America, to sit with the ministerium was carried. Dr. Fry was introduced to the Ministerium and brought a few words of greeting.

The report of the Examining Committee was presented by Rev. Reno R. Frobenius. The following were recommended for reception into the Synod:

The Rev. David M. Funk
The Rev. Arno Lehman
The Rev. Arthur Miller
The Rev. Raymond Johnson

It also reported the approval of the following candidates for ordination:

Mr. Elvin Bumgarner Mr. Robert Schlichter

A motion to adopt the report of the Examining Committee prevailed.

The motion to adjourn carried. The meeting adjourned to resume with the regular session of Synod.

H. G. Ritzen, Secretary

The convention resumed its business following the meeting of the Ministerium.

Reference and Counsel Chairman Aksel C. Larsen presented Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, representative of the United Lutheran Church in America. A motion prevailed that Dr. Fry be extended the privilege of the floor.

The secretary presented a recommendation of the Executive Committee that the privilege of the floor be given to the following members of the Executive Committee, who are not elected delegates to this convention:

Mr. Paul C. Buskirk Mr. Vernon A. Webster
Mr. George P. Reichel Mr. Charles M. Stark

It was moved and carried that the recommendation be accepted.

The secretary announced clerical appointments to convention committees as listed in the convention bulletin. Announcement was made that lay appointments would be made later.

The report of the President was presented and on proper motion referred to the committee on President's report.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented by the secretary. A motion to defer action on the recommendations in the Executive Committee Report until after consideration of reports of the committees, secretaries, and institutions affected by their consideration was carried.

A point of privilege was requested by the Rev. H. Vance Baird, who raised the question of his standing as a member of the Synod. A motion was made that a session of the Ministerium be called to consider the request of Pastor Baird for a hearing of the question of his standing in the Synod. Carried.

A motion prevailed that the Ministerium be called into session at 5:00 p.m.

With the dismissal of the lay delegates the afternoon session was adjourned, so that the session of the Ministerium might begin.

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MINISTERIUM

The Ministerium convened in special session at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Alexander.

A motion was made to ask Dr. Fry and Mr. George P. Reichel to sit with the Ministerium. Carried.

The order of business was consideration of matters concerning the Rev. H. Vance Baird, referred to the Ministerium by the Synod. Pastor Baird was asked to specify the points which he wanted clarified. He

asked that Synod clarify his standing because of a letter from President Alexander to the Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt, President of the Nebraska Synod, and because of the president's appointment of a representative to the Board of Trustees of Central Seminary replacing Pastor Baird.

Dr. Fry was asked to assist in clarifying several points at issue.

The secretary read the minutes of the special Executive Com. meeting held at Trinity Church, Kansas City, April 22, 1954, and an excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the morning of May 3, 1954, which were presented for information.

Motion by Search, seconded by Most, that the Ministerium report to Synod that it finds no change in the present good standing of the Rev. H. Vance Baird. It was moved to substitute the following motion:

That the Ministerium report to the Synod that as a result of its deliberations about the matters affecting the Rev. H. Vance Baird, that

1) The Rev. H. Vance Baird is a member in good standing of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States.
2) The issuance of a certificate of honorable dismissal to the Rev. H. Vance Baird is and ought to be subject to the provisions of Article Eight, Section I, Paragraph 8 of the Constitution of this Synod.
3) The removal of the Rev. H. Vance Baird from the territory of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States on January 25, 1954, has rightly terminated the membership of the Rev. Mr. Baird on the Board of Trustees, Central Lutheran Seminary, as a representative of this Synod on the same board in conformity with Section Eight, Paragraph 10 of the By-Laws of this Synod.

The motion to substitute prevailed. The chairman then placed the question before the house. It was carried.

A motion prevailed to adjourn. H. G. Ritzen, Secretary

SESSION I (Continued)

Monday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.

The convention joined with the Women's Missionary Society of the Kansas Synod in the Convention Vespers, held in St. John's Lutheran Church, at 7:30 p. m., Monday evening, May 3.

Mrs. George Anderson, President of the Women's Missionary Society of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, was in charge of the program. The Rev. Walter H. Moeller, Pastor Loci, conducted the order for Vespers.

Greetings from the United Lutheran Church in America were brought by its President, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry.

The speaker for the evening was introduced by Mrs. Ernest F. Tonsing, member of the Board of the Women's Missionary Society, U. L. C. A. She was Miss Helene Harder, who addressed the conventions on the theme, "The Lutheran Church in Japan Today."

A reception in the church parlors followed the evening worship.

SESSION II

Tuesday, May 4, 9:00 a.m.

Devotions were conducted by the convention chaplain, the Rev. David M. Funk.

The President called the Convention to order. He presented Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, U.L.C.A. representative, who made his report on the activities of the Boards of American Missions, Foreign Missions, and Pensions.

The convention recessed for fifteen minutes.

The Chairman of the committee on Reference and Counsel called for the presentation of visiting dignitaries. Mr. Austin Sanborn introduced Dr. E. Bryan Keisler, President of Central Seminary. Pastor Aksel Larsen introduced Dr. Paul Dieckman, President of Midland College, and the Rev. Willard Garred, of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, who is supplying our congregation at Wilson.

Announcement was made by the Rev. Arno Lehman that a Representative of the Deaconess Board will show slides downstairs following the afternoon session.

An announcement was made by the Pastor Loci that dinner for convention delegates on Wednesday will be served at the Augustana Church rather than the Presbyterian Church. The men were asked to return to St. John's Church immediately following dinner for Conference meetings.

The following visitors were presented by Pastor Larsen:

Dr. A. L. Young of Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebraska
The Rev. Wm. Goede of Ellis, Kansas
The Rev. Fred Wolff of Hoisington, Kansas

Minutes of Session I were read and approved.

The Report of the Ministerium was presented recommending the reception of the following men into Synod:

The Rev. David M. Funk — The Rev. Arthur Miller
The Rev. Arno Lehmann — The Rev. Raymond Johnson

and the ordination of:

Mr. Elvin Bumgarner — Mr. Robert Schlichter

The motion prevailed to adopt the report of the Ministerium.

The President ruled that the Examining Committee report was received through the report of the Ministerium.

The motion was made to ordain Elvin Bumgarner, called to Valley Falls, Kansas, and Robert Schlichter (the latter contingent upon acceptance of a call), the services of ordination to be held in their home congregations. Carried.

A motion was made that the Synod endorse the application of the Rev. Arno Lehmann pastor of the New Cambria-Mentor parish, for permanent residence and eventual citizenship in the United States.

A motion to refer this matter to a special committee to be appointed by the President was made and carried.

The Secretary presented the report of the special Session of the Ministerium as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Ministerium report to the Synod that as a result of its deliberations about the matters affecting the Rev. H. Vance Baird, that

1) The Rev. H. Vance Baird is a member in good standing of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States.
2) The issuance of a certificate of honorable dismissal to the Rev. H. Vance Baird is and ought to be subject to the provisions of Article Eight, Section I, Paragraph 8 of the Constitution of this Synod.
3) The removal of the Rev. H. Vance Baird from the territory of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States on January 25, 1954, has rightly terminated the membership of the Rev. Mr. Baird on the Board of Trustees of Central Lutheran Seminary as a Representative of this Synod on the same board in conformity with Section Eight, Paragraph 10 of the By-Laws of this Synod.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Ministerium be accepted and that the resolution therein be adopted.

The President called for the beginning of elections. Elections committee chairman Eugene Smith called for ballot No. 7 for Vice President. The president declared the ballot closed.

An announcement was made by the Rev. Calvin J. Naugle that an election for a lay member of Tabitha Home would be necessary and that the incumbent, Mr. Wm. Guenther of St. Joseph, was eligible to re-election.

The Treasurer's Report was made by Treasurer Charles M. Stark. It was moved and carried that the report of the auditors be accepted.

The report of the Secretary for Stewardship and Lutheran World Action was presented by the Rev. Walter H. Moeller, who replaces the Rev. Richard W. Albert as Stewardship and L. W. A. Secretary.

The report of the Statistician was presented by Mr. Charles Harkness, Jr., who also distributed additional figures on membership and benevolence for the information of the Synod.

The Elections Committee reported that there was no election for Vice President on Ballot 7.

The convention recessed for luncheon with prayer by the chaplain.

SESSION II (Continued)

Tuesday, May 4, 1:30 p.m.

Pastor Larsen reported for the Committee on Reference Counsel. He presented the following visitors:

Dr. T. J. C. Schuldt, President of the Nebraska Synod.
The Rev. Robert Gaston, York, Nebraska.
The Rev. H. W. Saas, Benedict, Nebraska.

Dr. Schuldt brought fraternal greetings from the Nebraska Synod.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of Session II, Tuesday morning. Carried.

The Elections Committee reported the election of the Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing as Vice President.

The Elections Committee announced the casting of Ballot No. 10 for Secretary. The ballot was declared closed.

The Rev. Lorin J. Wolff, President of the Midwest Synod was presented. He brought fraternal greetings from the Midwest Synod.

The Rev. Roy Wingate, Schuyler, Nebraska, was introduced.

The report of the Student Service Secretary was presented by the Secretary of Synod.

The Elections Committee reported the election of the Rev. H. G. Ritzen as Secretary.

Nominations were called for for Treasurer. Mr. Charles M. Stark was nominated. Motion was carried that the nominations cease. The Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the Synod for Mr. Charles M. Stark as Treasurer.

Nominations were called for for Lay Trustees on the Midland College Board. Nominated was: A. D. Fennell. Motion was carried that nominations cease. The Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the Synod for Mr. Fennell as Lay Trustee on the Board of Midland College.

Ballot No. 24 for Clerical Trustee of Midland College was cast. The President declared the ballot closed.

The report of the Parish Education Committee was presented by the Rev. Calvin J. Naugle, Chairman. Pastor Naugle called attention to the evaluation manual of the Parish Education Board. He announced the forthcoming itinerary of the Rev. Harner Middleswarth in the Kansas Synod from September 9-22. The recommendations of the committee were adopted.

The report of the Ministerial Education Committee was presented by the Rev. Martin Ashley, who commented briefly on the report.

The report of the Foreign Missions Committee was presented by the Rev. Harry R. Allen, who commented on the contents of the report.

The Elections Committee announced no election on Ballot No. 24, Clerical Trustee of Midland College.

Motion that if there is no election on Ballot No. 25, the following ballots be limited to the four high candidates, in the order of votes. Carried.

The Social Missions Committee report was presented by the Rev. M. H. Geissler.

The Report of the Inter-Synodical Social Welfare Committee was presented by Pastor Geissler.

By common consent the rules were suspended to return to the Report of the Historian and the Home Missions Committee.

The report of the Historian was presented by the Secretary. A motion was made that Synod authorize the Historian to acquire a suitable place for fireproof storage of the records and archives of Synod.

A motion to refer the matter to the Executive Committee with power to act was carried.

The report of the Home Missions Committee was presented by the Rev. Reno R. Frobenius, who reviewed the status of the various Home Mission Fields of the Synod.

A motion was made that the supplementary report of the Home Missions Committee be included in the minutes. Carried.

The Elections Committee announced the election of the Rev. Aksel Larsen as clerical trustee of Midland College.

A motion was made and carried to adopt the following resolutions:

In the election of officers the following rules shall obtain:

On the first ballot, three-fourths of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

On the second ballot, two-thirds of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

The third ballot shall be confined to the two persons receiving the highest number of votes on the second ballot, and no vote cast for any other shall be counted.

In the third and succeeding ballots, a majority shall elect.

Ballot No. 27, Trustee of Central Seminary was called for. The President declared the ballot closed.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel moved that the report of Midland College be made a special order at this time. Carried.

The report of the Midland College Board was presented by the Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing. It was moved that Dr. Paul W. Dieckman, president of Midland College, be given the privilege of the floor. Carried.

Dr. Dieckman was presented and addressed the convention.

The Elections Committee reported, no election on Ballot No. 27, for Central Seminary Trustee.

Ballot No. 28 was called for and cast. The President declared the ballot closed.

The Convention recessed until 3:30 P. M.

The Convention resumed consideration of its business following the recess.

A motion was made to amend recommendation No. 2 of the Executive Committee by substituting the word "grant" for the word "consider." Carried.

A motion was made to adopt recommendation No. 2. Carried.

A motion was made to grant Midland College two dollars, 25 6/10 cents per capita in the 1955 budget. Carried.

The Committee on the President's Report reported through the Rev. Wm. F. Most. A motion to adopt recommendations 1 and 2 of the report was carried.

The Elections Committee announced that there was no election on Ballot No. 28, Central Seminary Trustee.

Ballot No. 29 was cast and the ballot was declared closed.

The following resolutions affecting the terms of office of the officers of Synod was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States record its understanding that the terms of its officers enumerated in Article 3, Section 1, of the constitution of said Synod, extend for the periods of time therein specified and until their successors have been elected and have qualified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States serving in their respective offices at the time of the adjournment of a regular meeting of said Synod (see Article 2, paragraph 1, of the constitution of the Synod) continue until the next following regular meeting of the Synod, in said offices except in case of death or resignation.

The Elections Committee announced election of the Rev. W. F. Most to the office of Trustee of Central Seminary.

A motion was made that Pastor Most be elected to fill the unexpired term of Pastor Baird as Trustee of Central Seminary. Carried.

Ballot No. 21, Home Missions Committee, was called for. The following laymen were nominated:

R. H. Lage, George P. Reichel.

A motion was made that nominations cease. Carried.

A motion was made that the clergyman receiving the highest number of votes be deemed elected to the full four year term on the Home Missions Committee and the second highest be elected to the unexpired two year term. Carried.

Ballot No. 21, Home Missions Committee was called for and cast. The ballot was declared closed.

The report of Central Seminary was presented. Dr. E. Bryan Keisler, president of the seminary, addressed the convention. He distributed sheets containing additional information and answered questions of the Synod. He introduced Mr. Austin Sanborn, Kansas, member of the Board of Trustees, who is heading a special appeal for debt retirement.

A motion was made to amend recommendation No. 3 of the Executive Committee by substituting the word "grant" for the word "consider." Carried.

A motion was made to refer the resolution to a special committee. The motion was carried 23 to 10 on a call for division. The chair appointed the following:

Pastors George L. Search, Don Zinger, and Arthur Angersbach.

The Elections Committee reported the election of Mr. George P. Reichel, to the Home Missions Committee. There was no election of pastors.

Ballot No. 22 was called for, cast and declared closed.

The report of Tabitha Home was presented by the Rev. Calvin J. Naugle. He introduced Dr. Alfred W. Young, Superintendent of Tabitha Home, who addressed the convention.

A motion that the request of Dr. Young that Tabitha Home be

permitted to ask congregations and individuals in the Kansas Synod for contributions to help in finishing the proposed Staff Building be referred to the Executive Committee for study and report. The motion carried.

The motion that the time be extended until the elections for Home Missions Committee are completed. Carried.

The Elections Committee announced the election of the Rev. George L. Search to the full four year term on the Home Missions Committee.

Ballot No. 23 was called for. The chairman declared the ballot closed.

The reports of the Lutheran Youth Camps Committee and the Camp Program Committee were presented by the Rev. Aksel C. Larsen. He introduced the Rev. J. Franklin Shirck, Junior-Intermediate Camp Director, Mrs. Robert Tonsing, director of the Family Camp, the Rev. Wayne Barthel, director of the Senior Camp, and the Rev. Sherman Frederick, director of the Luther League Camp, each of whom spoke to the convention.

The president called the attention of the Synod to the fact that the report of the Camp Program Committee was in error in its first paragraph and that the action of the Executive Committee was only to change the name of the Youth Camps Committee to Camp Program Committee.

The Elections Committee reported the election of the Rev. Calvin J. Naugle to the unexpired term of two years on the Home Missions Committee.

The afternoon portion of the session adjourned with prayer by the Convention Chaplain.

SESSION II (Continued)

Tuesday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Convention Chaplain.

The Report of the Merger Committee was presented by the Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing. A supplementary report of the Merger Committee (Minutes of the Merger Meeting of March 25, 1954, at Omaha, Nebraska) was read by Pastor Tonsing.

The Secretary read the Resolutions of Merger. A motion was made that Resolution Two be amended by inserting in line one between "that" and "the" the following: "contingent upon identical action by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Midwest and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska."

The reading of the proposed constitution was begun by the Secretary.

A motion was made that the Proposed Constitution be amended by striking paragraph 13 of Article X, to wit: "The Synod shall have the right to advise and admonish concerning association and affiliation of its ministers with nonecclesiastical and other organizations whose principles or practices appear to be inconsistent with full loyalty to the Christian Church."

The motion lost by a vote of 53 to 8.

A motion was made to adopt the Resolutions of Merger.

A motion was made to vote by ballot and carried. The motion to adopt was carried by a vote of 52 to 9.

The written notice of adoption by the Midwest Synod of the Resolutions of Merger from Secretary Werner P. Welchert was read by the secretary.

A motion was made that the Secretary of the Synod be authorized and instructed to send the following notice to all members of this Synod, both ordained ministers and congregations, to inform them of the completed actions of the three merging synods regarding the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States:

"By authorization of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States at its 86th annual convention held at Salina, Kansas, on May 3-6, 1954, and as its duly elected Secretary, I hereby give notice that

"1) The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Midwest, and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska have adopted identical constitutions and have resolved to merge into the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, and

"2) The organizing convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States will be held at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Missouri, on June 8-9, 1954. All ordained ministers and elected delegates of congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States will be expected to be in attendance. Delegates of congregations to the 1954 convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States will continue to serve in that capacity at the organizing convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States except as a congregation, following its own procedures, chooses a substitute." Carried.

A motion was made that, if the proposed merger of synods is consummated, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States call upon all its pastors and congregations for a liberal thankoffering on June 13, 1954, the first Lord's Day after the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, in order to supply the needed funds to launch the life of the new Synod effectively. Carried.

A motion to adjourn the session carried. The meeting was closed with prayer by the Convention Chaplain.

SESSION III

Wednesday, May 5, 9:00 a.m.

The session was opened with devotions by the Convention Chaplain.

Dr. Fry addressed the convention as official representative of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Following a fifteen minute recess, the meeting was called to order by the President.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel recommended that the report of the Special Committee on the Central Seminary recommendation and

of the Wa-Shun-Ga Property Committee be heard following the Lutheran World Relief Food Program report. Carried.

Announcement was made of Conference meetings during the noon hour.

The Rev. Theodore Althof, Russell, Kansas, was presented by Pastor Larsen.

Nominations were called for for lay trustee of Tabitha Home. Mr. Lyman Adams was nominated. A motion prevailed that nominations cease. A motion that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Adams was carried. Mr. Adams was elected by unanimous ballot.

The following resolution was moved and ca ried:

> "That this Synod now proceed to elect its allotted number of delegates and alternates to the nineteenth biennial convention of the United Lutheran Church in America with the understanding that these elections will in effect become nominations to the organizing convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States in the event of the organization of the said Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States as a merger of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Midwest, and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska prior to said convention."

The Elections Committee called for Ballot No. 1, Delegates to United Lutheran Church in America Convention.

The following laymen were nominated as delegates to the 19th biennial convention of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Clinton J. Muller	Austin P. Sanborn
A. D. Fennell	George P. Reichel
Charles M. Stark	L. W. Bauerle
Paul C. Buskirk	Dr. Chauncey Bly
S. Dee Shepherd	

The Constitution Committee report was presented by the Secretary. He called attention to the adoption of the first amendment (the Proposed Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States).

A motion was made to defer action on the second amendment (full-time president) until the next regular convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States. Carried.

The report of the Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran World Relief Food Program Secretary was presented by the Rev. Wayne Barthel. Dr. Fry was asked to comment on the report and addressed the convention.

The report of the Special Committee to which Recommendation No. 3, of the Executive Committee was referred reported through the Rev. George L. Search. A motion was made to amend the resolution as follows:

> That the Synod authorize officers of Central Seminary to arrange with individual congregations of the Synod to present the cause of the seminary and to seek offerings to be applied on debt retirement. Carried.

The motion as amended was carried.

The report of the Wa-Shun-Ga Property Committee was presented by Pastor Search. Pastor Search presented and moved the following resolutions:

"Whereas the Wa-Shun-Ga Property Committee, in 1952, allocated monies from the Contingency Fund by action of Synod for the purpose of discounting camp fees for Juniors and Intermediates; not to exceed $2.00 per camper; and whereas the accumulation of such funds now exceeds the cost of such discounting as was authorized; be it resolved that the Wa-Shun-Ga Property Committee be authorized to use such funds to discount camp fees for all campers, whether Juniors, Intermediates or Seniors; and not to exceed $4.00 per camper." Carried.

The Elections Committee reported no election for clerical or lay delegates to the United Lutheran Church in America Convention. Ballot No. 2 was called for and cast. The president ordered the ballot closed.

The morning session was closed with prayer by the Convention Chaplain.

SESSION III (Continued)

Wednesday, May 5, 2:00 p.m.

The committee on Reference and Counsel reported through its chairman, the Rev. Aksel C. Larsen. It was moved that Synod hear the report of the Committee on Protocol, the supplementary report of the Executive Committee, and the report of the Kansas Council of Churches immediately after 3:30 p.m. today. Carried.

It was moved that Synod hear, as a special order of business, a resolution to be presented by the Rev. Reno R. Frobenius immediately following the report of the Secretary on Publications. Carried.

The report of the Eastern Conference was presented by its president, the Rev. Wm. F. Most. He reported the following elections at the meeting of the conference held during the noon hour: President, the Rev. Wm. F. Most; Secretary-Treasurer, the Rev. Don Zinger; and nomination of layman to executive committee, Mr. George P. Reichel.

The report of the Western Conference was presented by its president, the Rev. Martin C. Ashley. He reported the following elections at the meeting of that conference: President, the Rev. Martin C. Ashley; Secretary-Treasurer, the Rev. J. Franklin Shirck; and nomination of layman to Executive Committee, Mr. Edgar W. Holden. Funds remaining in the conference treasury were turned over to the Synodical Treasury.

The Southern Conference Report was presented by its president, the Rev. Aksel C. Larsen. He reported elections in that conference as follows: President, the Rev. Aksel C. Larsen; Secretary-Treasurer, the Rev. M. H. Geissler; nomination of layman to Executive Committee, Mr. Dale Koegeboehn. Funds remaining in the conference treasury were given to the Missions Ten Dollar Club.

A motion prevailed that the nominees of the conferences be the duly elected lay members of the Executive Committee. The president accordingly declared them elected.

A motion was made by the chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel that Synod strive to complete its business today. Carried.

The report of the "Kansas Synod Lutheran" was presented by its editor, the Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing.

The Elections Committee reported the elections of Mr. Charles M. Stark and Mr. A. D. Fennell as lay delegates and the Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing as clerical delegate to the convention of the United Lutheran Church.

The chairman of the Elections Committee reported that Ballot No. 3 would be limited to Pastors Allen, Ritzen, Most, Ashley, and Naugle for clerical delegate, and to Messrs. Bly, Reichel, Muller, and Buskirk for lay delegate. Ballot No. 3 was cast, and the president declared the ballot closed.

The report of the Secretary on Publications was presented by the Rev. T. Benton Peery, S.T.D.

As a special order of business, the Rev. Reno R. Frobenius presented the following declaration of intention:

"We, the undersigned, give notice that we propose to offer a substitute at the organizing convention of the Central States Synod for the following resolution, which we understand is to be presented by the Joint Merger Committee at that time:

"'The Synod advises all its pastors to avoid membership in fraternal organizations because such membership offends the consciences of many Christians.'

"The substitute which we will present will be as follows:

"'Pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States are advised to follow the Washington Declaration of the United Lutheran Church in regard to membership in fraternal organizations.'"

Signed:

George L. Search
S. Dee Shepherd
Sherman E. Frederick
Reno R. Frobenius
Edwin J. Hirsch
Eugene L. Smith
R. O. Schriver

Recommendation No. 4 of the Executive Committee (the budget for 1955) was presented by the Secretary. A motion was made to adopt the recommendation. It was carried.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel moved that, as a special order of business, Synod hear Dr. Fry complete his report as U.L.C.A. representative. Carried.

Dr. Fry addressed the convention on several matters not touched upon in his report during the morning session. At the conclusion of his remarks, a rising vote of thanks was given Dr. Fry by the Synod as an expression of its appreciation for the inspiration which his presence had brought the convention.

The Elections Committee reported the election of Dr. Chauncey Bly and Mr. Clinton J. Muller as lay delegates to the U.L.C.A. convention, and of the Rev. H. G. Ritzen as clerical delegate. Ballot No. 4 was cast, and the president declared the same closed.

The report of the committee on the 1953 protocol was presented by the Rev. Leo S. La Fontaine. A motion was made to receive the report. Carried.

A supplementary report of the Executive Committee was presented by the Secretary consisting of a recommendation to be numbered 5, as follows:

"That Synod authorize the Executive Committee to dispose of the property of the Bunkerhill congregation, which has been deeded to Synod, and that the funds of the Bunkerhill congregation still on hand and the proceeds from the sale of the property be turned over to the Home Missions Committee."

A motion was made and carried that the recommendation be adopted.

A motion was made that the Synod present a baptismal bowl, formerly the property of the Bunkerhill congregation, to Kent Memorial Lutheran Church, Sunrise Beach, Missouri. Carried.

A motion was made that the Sacramental vessels of the Bunkerhill congregation still remaining be placed in the custody of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Missouri, until such time as the Synod, or its successor, shall determine its final disposition. Carried.

The Elections Committee announced the election of the Rev. Harry R. Allen as delegate to the United Lutheran Church Convention.

A fifteen minute recess was declared at this time. Synod accordingly recessed until 3:30 p.m.

The Elections Committee called for the election of alternate delegates to the U.L.C.A. convention. The following were nominated: George P. Reichel, Paul C. Buskirk, Austin P. Sanborn, and S. Dee Shepherd. A motion was made that the nominations cease. Carried.

A motion was made that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Carried. The Secretary accordingly cast the unanimous ballot of the convention for the nominees and the chair declared them elected.

A motion was made and carried that their positions as alternates be designated according to their rank on the last ballot for U.L.C.A. delegates, to wit: 1st Alternate, Reichel; 2nd Alternate, Buskirk; 3rd Alternate, Sanborn; 4th Alternate, Shepherd. Ballot No. 5 for clerical alternates was cast and declared closed.

The committee on Reference and Counsel moved that a supplementary report of the Home Missions Committee be heard at this time, and that the report of the Resolutions Committee be heard following report of the Kansas Council of Churches. Carried.

The Home Missions Committee presented the following recommendation:

"The representatives of the United Lutheran Church in America on the Topeka Regional Home Missions Committee feel compelled to report to the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States two regrettable instances which may adversely affect the future mission work of the U.L.C.A. in this territory:

"1. The American Lutheran Church received a gift of church lots in an area in south Kansas City before a field was allocated

to it, dividing the field into three small areas for development instead of a more desirable division into two larger areas.

"2. The American Lutheran Church purchased church property in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on the boundary line between fields allotted to the A.L.C. and the U.L.C.A.

"We recommend that the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States records its objection to these procedures.

"We further recommend that a copy of this action be forwarded to the Board of American Missions of the U.L.C.A."

Signed: Reno R. Frobenius, Chairman
George L. Search, Secretary

A motion was made that the recommendation be adopted. Carried.

The report of the Women's Missionary Society was presented. Mrs. George L. Anderson, president of the Synodical Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, was presented to the convention and brought greetings from the society.

The Elections Committee reported no election of clerical alternate delegates to the U.L.C.A. convention on Ballot No. 5. Ballot No. 6 was accordingly cast and declared closed.

The report of the Kansas Council of Churches was presented by the Rev. M. H. Geissler. A motion was made to defer action on recommendation I of the Executive Committee and the recommendation of the Secretary for the Kansas Council of Churches. Carried.

The Resolutions Committee reported through its chairman, the Rev. Harry R. Allen. It was moved and carried to adopt the report of the Resolutions Committee.

The minutes of Session II (afternoon) and of Session III (morning) were presented and approved.

The Elections Committee reported that there was no election on Ballot No. 5 for clerical alternate delegates to the U.L.C.A. convention. Ballot No. 31 was called for, cast, and declared closed.

The report of the Luther League of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States was presented by the Rev. Sherman E. Frederick.

The Secretary for Pensions, the Rev. Wayne B. Barthel, presented his report. He discussed the request of last year's convention for a study of a group health and accident insurance plan for pastors. In view of the forthcoming merger, no recommendation was made.

The Elections Committee reported an election of four alternate delegates to the U.L.C.A. convention. It was moved and carried that the order of clerical alternate delegates be: 1st Alternate, Calvin J. Naugle; 2nd Alternate, Wm. F. Most; 3rd Alternate, Martin C. Ashley; 4th Alternate, Raymond Johnson.

Since the time of adjournment had arrived, it was moved to extend the time. Carried.

The report of the Deaconess Secretary was presented by the Rev. Arno Lehmann. A motion was made to adopt the recommendation. Carried.

The report of the Synodical Brotherhood was presented by its presi-

dent, Mr. Paul C. Buskirk. A motion was made and carried to receive the report.

The Elections Committee reported that all necessary elections had been completed. It was moved to adopt the report of the Elections Committee. Carried.

The Rev. Edwin J. Hirsch, chairman of the committee on invitations, reported no invitations for the 1955 convention and moved that the matter be left to the Executive Committee for decision. Carried.

A motion was made that the minutes of Session III (afternoon) be submitted to the Executive Committee for examination and approval, and that same be sent by mail to all congregations of Synod. Carried.

Dr. T. Benton Peery reported for the Public Relations Committee that coverage of convention activities had been secured in the newspaper and over the radio. A motion was made and carried that the report be received.

It was moved that any unfinished business be left to the Executive Committee for action. The motion carried.

The agenda of business having been completed, the Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing made the motion that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States do now adjourn to reassemble (if and when like action is taken by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Midwest of the United Lutheran Church in America and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska) on June 8, 1954, at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Missouri, in joint session with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Midwest of the United Lutheran Church in America and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska for the purpose of merging this Synod with the two aforementioned Synods and so organizing the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States. The motion carried.

The 86th annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States was formally adjourned until June 8, 1954, with the Order for the Closing of Synods by President Alexander.

Wednesday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.

The annual synodical banquet was held on the campus of Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, Kansas. The toastmaster for the occasion was Mr. Arnold J. Lehmann, of Salina. The invocation was given by the Pastor Loci, the Rev. Walter H. Moeller. Distinguished guests were introduced. Special recognition was given to two senior members of the clergy of Synod, the Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, D.D., and the Rev. J. A. McCulloch, D.D., who were awarded Fifty Year Pins for their service of more than 50 years in the Gospel ministry.

Newly elected officers of the Synod and of the Synodical Women's Missionary Society were installed.

The high light of the evening was the inspiring address of the Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, D.D., president of the United Lutheran Church in America.

H. G. Ritzen, Secretary

ADDENDA

The following matters of interest, which are not shown elsewhere in these minutes, are recorded as addenda.

ITEM: Special Executive Committee Meeting—A special meeting of the Executive Committee of Synod was called by the president to review his handling of the matters concerning the Rev. H. Vance Baird (see pp. 9 and 11) and to hear the report of the special presidential fact-finding committee appointed by him to investigate the matter. This meeting was held in Kansas City, Kansas, on April 22, 1954, at Trinity Lutheran Church. No action was taken.

ITEM: Executive Committee of May 3—The Executive Committee of Synod met on Monday, May 3, 1954, at Salina, Kansas, just prior to the 86th annual convention of Synod. Principal matter of business was the consideration of the disposal of the property of the Bunkerhill congregation (see pages 21 and 33). It was recommended that Synod authorize the Executive Committee to dispose of the property, and that proceeds of sale and remaining funds of the congregation be used for home mission development. Also provided for were honoraria for the office Secretary of St. John's Church, the special typist engaged for the convention, and the custodian. It was decided to pay the expenses of the Statistician and of seminarians coming to Salina to appear before the Examining Committee. It was decided to recommend that members of the Executive Committee who were not elected delegates to the convention be granted the privilege of the floor (see p. 9).

ITEM: Lutheran Laymen's Movement Breakfast—The secretary was also instructed at the Executive Committee meeting following adjournment of the convention to make a record of the special breakfast in behalf of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship, which was held Wednesday morning, May 5, at the Lamer Hotel. Mr. Vernon A. Webster of Salina was in charge of the breakfast. Dr. Franklin C. Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, addressed a group of about 25 laymen and the officers of Synod.

ITEM: Nunc Pro Tunc Entry—In the absence of any record of the Blue Ridge Trinity Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo., in the minutes of the 85th annual convention (Hutchinson), the following motion was passed by the Executive Committee at its meeting in Topeka, Kansas, May 20, 1954:

"Whereas the Blue Ridge Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of Kansas City, Missouri, was organized on April 12, 1953, and was received into the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States on April 22, 1953, and no record now appears upon the minutes of the said Synod due to an omission, I move that the secretary be instructed to enter upon the minutes a nunc pro tunc entry that such reception did occur." Carried.

ITEM: ENDORSEMENT OF THE REV. ARNO LEHMANN FOR PERMANENT ENTRY—The matter of the endorsement of the Rev. Arno Lehmann (see page 11), which was referred to a special committee during Synod, came before the Executive Committee as a matter of unfinished business. A report was received from the special committee

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Report of the President, 1954

Dear Fellow-Servants in Christ Jesus:

We are meeting in the 86th Convention of our beloved Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States. The St. John's Congregation of Salina, Kansas, is our host for the seventh time since 1877. It is not only my purpose to give a resumé of the acts of this Synodical Office in my report; but to express my appreciation to Clergy and Laity for their concerted effort in all things; for without your help, all efforts would have been in vain.

As we review the chronicles of the past they complete for us a commentary on work well done. Our labors have not been without struggle nor heartache, nor backache; for with the labors of Soul, Mind and Body, we have fought the good fight and we have kept the faith. Truly our sorrows have been compensated by the joys in building Zion. With reverent heart, I bow in humility to all whose labors do live after them. "Blessed are those, whose banner bore, Ecclesia Plantanda," and whose militant cry was, "Christo et Ecclesiae."

The past is behind and the future is ahead. We rise upon the foundations of our yester-years, and our bulwark never faileth. We are not alone in this our new venture of faith. Others must likewise sacrifice that unity may lead us in co-operative endeavor for Christ and His Kingdom. To Christ the King, we lay our trophies down and to Him be all honor, glory, and power. Surely as the poet said:

"Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood."

The United Lutheran Church in America, is our Mother Church, and it is our good pleasure to have with us our honored President, The Rev. Dr. Franklin C. Fry, as representative of the United Lutheran Church. He is dividing his time; at this eventful period between our Sister Synods, the Midwest and Nebraska Synods. We welcome him and invite him to share in our proceedings in this 86th Convention. It is ours to share in a greater ecumenical, national, and world-wide fellowship. Beginning with us as United Synods to do Christ's will.

"The Church's one foundation,
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord
She is His new creation
By water and the word
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His Holy Bride,
With His Own Blood He bought her
And for her life He died."

We commend to you the following report on official acts and other information, which the President presents in accord with the Constitution and its directives, of the Synod.

Special Acts

May 27—Presented Rev. Reno Frobenius at Midland Commencement for Degree of D.D.

May 27—Presented copy of Kansas Synod Minutes for Cornerstone of Midland College for New Library.

June 8—Conferred with Student Robert Schlichter with Pastor Tonsing at Kansas City, Kansas.

June 12—Conferred with Carl Olson, Midland Development Director, at Kansas City, Kansas.

Aug. 27—Conferred with Rev. Raymond Johnson at Kansas City, Kan.

Dedications

June 28—Trinity, Sedalia, Mo. Rededication by Pastor David F. Funk.

Oct. 25—Faith, Prairie Village, Kan. President Vespers Speaker.

Appointments

May 2—Mrs. J. Franklin Shirck, Secretary, Audio-Visual Aids.

May 2—Rev. Geo. Search to Fraternal Delegate to Nebraska Synod, Stamford, Nebraska.

June 28—Rev. David M. Funk to Dedicate remodeled Church, Trinity, Sedalia, Missouri.

July 3—Rev. Don Zinger to LWR meeting at Kansas City, Missouri.

July 12—Rev. H. G. Ritzen to install Rev. Arthur Miller at Wellington, Kansas.

July 12—Rev. A. C. Larsen to President of Southern Conf. vacancy.

July 19—Rev. Martin Ashley to install Rev. Arno Lehmann at Mentor, Kansas.

July 21—Rev. Sherman Frederick, permission for Holy Communion, LL Convention.

Sept. 21—Rev. David M. Funk, Eastern Conference Committeeman for Lutheran.

Sept. 21—Rev. T. Benton Peery to install Rev. Eugene Smith at Reformation, Wichita, Kansas.

Oct. 1—Rev. Arthur Angersbach to install Rev. Sherman Frederick at Emporia, Kansas.

Oct. 12 to 14—Rev. R. W. Albert to represent Synod at Stewardship Rallies at Kansas City, and St. Joseph, Missouri, and Topeka, Kansas.

Oct. 15 to 16—Rev. Martin Ashley, to represent Synod at Stewardship Rallies at Salina and Hays, Kansas.

Nov. 20—Dr. George Anderson, Historian to supply copies of Kansas Synod Minutes 1868 and on: to round out Central Seminary Library copies.

Dec. 6—Rev. W. H. Moeller, to Boy Scout Coronado Council meeting at Hays.

Dec. 14—Rev. E. F. Tonsing, to Kansas Council of Churches meeting at Topeka.

Jan. 1—Rev. W. F. Most, to Central Seminary Board of Trustees, term of Rev. H. V. Baird.

Jan. 6—Rev. W. H. Moeller, to fill Stewardship Secretary and LWA and Midland College Board terms of Rev. R. W. Albert.

Ordination

May 17—Rev. Arno Lehmann, at New Cambria, Kansas, by the President, Secretary, Dr. E. B. Keisler.

Received By Transfer

May 22—Rev. Arthur Miller from the Midwest Synod.
June 15—Rev. David M. Funk, from the Iowa Synod.
Jan. 7—Rev. Raymond Johnson, from the Northwest Synod.

Dismissed By Transfer

April 24—The Rev. Eldon Sheneman to Iowa Synod.
April 24—Rev. Roy Wingate to Midwest Synod.
June 15—Rev. Olney Eaton to Iowa Synod.
Aug. 1—Rev. Richard O. Scherch to California Synod.
Dec. 31—Rev. Richard W. Albert to Michigan Synod.

Resignations

June 20—Rev. C. J. Hansen from Sunrise Beach, Mo., to Rockport-Langdon, Missouri.
June 30—Rev. Olney Eaton from Emporia, Kan., to Bettendorf, Iowa.
Oct. 1—Rev. Eugene Smith from Glasco, Kan., to Reformation, Wichita, Kansas.
Oct. 1—Rev. Sherman Frederick from Valley Falls, Kan., to Emporia, Kansas.
Oct. 26—Rev. H. Vance Baird from Atchison, Kansas. Without Call.
Nov. 10—Rev. R. W. Albert from Lawrence, Kan., to Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Dec. 6—Rev. T. Benton Peery from St. Paul, Wichita. Without Call.
Jan. 17—Rev. George Search from Hays, Kan., to Atchison, Kansas.

Calls Accepted

Oct. 1—Rev. Eugene Smith, to Reformation, Wichita, Kansas.
Oct. 1—Rev. Sherman Frederick to St. Mark's, Emporia, Kansas.
Dec. 1—Rev. Raymond Johnson to Kent Memorial, Sunrise Beach, Missouri.
June 1—Seminarian Robert Kocher to St. John's, Lancaster, Kansas.
June 1—Seminarian Robert Hamilton to St. Paul's, Glasco, Kansas.

Installations

May 17—Rev. Arno Lehmann at New Cambria, Ks., by the President.
June 21—Rev. David M. Funk at Trinity, Sedalia, Mo., by the President.
July 5—Rev. C. J. Hansen, at Rockport-Langdon, Mo., by the President.
July 12—Rev. Arthur Miller at Wellington, Kan., by Secretary H. G. Ritzen.
July 19—Rev. Arno Lehmann, at Mentor, Kan., by President Martin Ashley.

Oct. 7—Rev. Eugene Smith at Reformation, Wichita, by Rev. T. Benton Peery.
Oct. 7—Rev. Sherman Frederick, at Emporia, Kan., by Rev. Arthur Angersbach.
Jan. 17—Rev. Raymond Johnson at Sunrise Beach Mo., by the President.
March 1—Rev. George Search to St. Mark's, Atchison, Kansas.
March 7—Rev. George Search at Atchison, Kan., by the President.

Boards, Committees, Conferences Attended

April 27—Executive Committee at Emporia.
May 3—Eastern Conference Luther League at St. Joseph, Mo.
May 4-6—Central Seminary Board.
May 11—Stewardship Committee at Kansas City, Missouri.
May 18-20—Midwest Synod at Hastings, Nebraska.
May 26-28—Midland College Board.
May 31—Dr. Arthur Knudsen—Home Missions at Atchison.
June 23—Eastern Conference WMS at Topeka.
July 7-10—NLC Pastor's Institute at Estes Park, Colo., July 12. Speaker Estes.
Aug. 23-24—Senior-Intermediate Camp at Wa-Shun-Ga.
Sept. 10—Stewardship Committee at Kansas City, Kansas.
Sept. 21—Topeka Home Missions Regional Meeting at KC, Mo.
Sept. 28—Executive Committee at Kansas City, Kansas.
Oct. 12-14—Central Seminary Board.
Oct. 18—Eastern Conference at Lawrence, Kansas.
Oct. 20—Stewardship Rally at Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Oct. 26—Raytown, Missouri, Church Council.
Nov. 3-4—Midland College Board.
Nov. 6—Lancaster, Kansas.
Nov. 6—Atchison, Kansas, Church Council.
Nov. 16—Lawrence Pulpit Committee.
Nov. 27—Home Missions, St. Joseph, Missouri.
Dec. 8—Central Seminary and Midland College Boards.
Dec. 21—Lawrence, Kansas.
Jan. 18—Home Missions Committee at Kansas City, Missouri.
Jan. 25—Topeka Home Missions Regional Meeting at KC, Mo.
Jan. 26—Lawrence Pulpit Committee.
Feb. 1—Executive Committee at Salina, Kansas.
Feb. 5—Appointed Investigation Committee to President.
Feb. 8—Investigation Committee of President to Leavenworth and Atchison
Feb. 12—Board of Social Missions at Omaha.
Feb. 15—Parish Education Committee—K. C., Mo.
Feb. 19—Investigation Committee at K. C., Kansas.
Feb. 22-23—Pastor-Student Conference Central Seminary
Mar. 2—Met with Bendena Vice-President at Atchison.
Mar. 7—Installation of Rev. George Search at Atchison.
Mar. 12—Investigation Committee at K. C., Kansas.

Mar. 23—Investigation Committee at K. C., Kansas.
Mar. 24—Appointed Rev. Eugene Smith and Rev. Arthur Miller to Immigrant Service.
Mar. 25—Merger Committee meeting Omaha.
April 12—Investigation Committee K. C., Kansas.
April 13—Reappointed Rev. Wayne Barthel L. W. R.
April 22— Special Executive Committee K. C., Kansas.
April 23—Brought Fraternal Greetings to Kansas Conference Augustana Synod at K. C., Kansas.
April 27—Fraternal Greetings to Midwest Synod at Grand Island, Neb.

Supplies Authorized

Bendena-Lancaster—Regular Supply from Central Seminary.
Glasco-Valley Falls—Beginning October 1 from Central Seminary.
Reformation, Wichita—Beginning August 1 from Central Seminary.
Kent Memorial—Sunrise Beach, Mo. During July—Rev. Frobenius, Allen, Nantz, and Syre. Beginning August and until a Pastor is called—Rev. W. A. Klink.
Atchison, Lawrence—To be supplied from Central Seminary, November and January and until a Pastor is called.

Parishes Visited

May 18—Salina; May 22—Sunrise Beach; May 29—Bendena; May 31—Raytown; June 10—New Field, Grandview-Belvidere, Mo.; Aug. 7—Reformation, Wichita; Aug. 8—Emporia; Sept. 3—Glasco; Sept. 4—Salina, New Field; Sept. 7—Lancaster; Sept. 17—Valley Falls; Sept. 23—Sunrise Beach, Mo.; Oct. 20—Tulsa; Oct. 25—Prairie Village; Oct. 26—Raytown; Nov. 6—Lancaster; Nov. 6—Atchison; Nov. 17—Lawrence; Nov. 27—St. Joseph; Jan. 8—Bethlehem, No. KC.; Jan. 17—Sunrise Beach, Mo.

Vacancies

Bendena, Hays, Lawrence, Valley Falls, St. Paul's, Wichita.

Other Supply

Norcatur and Bunkerhill, Kansas, by Rev. George Search.
Wilson by Rev. Willard Garred of Denmark, Kansas.

Respectfully submitted,
Willard W. Alexander
President

Report of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Synod met four times during the period since the last convention. Meetings were held at Hutchinson, April 23, following adjournment of Synod, at Emporia, April 27, at Kansas City, Kansas, September 28, 1953, and at Salina, February 1, 1954. As the ad-interim administrative body of the Synod, the Executive Committee considered and acted on all matters of business on behalf of the Synod during the period since the last convention.

The following is a digest of the official minutes of the meetings, which were sent to all pastors and members of the Executive Committee:

Meeting of April 23, 1953

An additional subsidy of $100.00 was granted the Lutheran Youth Camps Committee for operation of the two youth camps; rate for payment of mileage on Synodical business was set at 6 cents; Charles A. Harkness was reappointed Synodical statistician; Dr. George Anderson was reappointed historian, and the Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing was appointed editor of the "Kansas Synod Lutheran." The following committee on Ministerial Education was appointed: the Rev Martin C. Ashley, chairman, the Rev. T. Benton Peery, and the Hon. William J. Wertz. A claim for $30.00 for secretarial help during the Synod was allowed. The secretary was instructed to have official stationery printed. It was decided to hold the next regular meeting at Emporia, April 27, 1953.

Meeting of April 27, 1953

Conference presidents reported on plans for the fall conferences. Appointments of committees and special secretaries were made (See list of committees). The historian was empowered to have the archivist's copies of the "Kansas Synod Lutheran" bound in permanent form. Special request to hold an ordination service at Tulsa in 1954 was denied. Corrections in the minutes of the synodical convention relative to Examining Committee were made (See minutes). Decided that the mailing list of the K. S. L. not be made available for special solicitations by institutions. New Midland College constitution was approved. The invitation of St. John's Church, Salina, for the 86th annual convention of Synod was accepted. Past Secretary Alexander was authorized to make necessary corrections in the preparation of the printed minutes of Synod. Decided that the next regular meeting be held at Kansas City, Kansas, September 28, 1953.

Meeting of September 28, 1953

A bill was presented and allowed from the Lawrence Outlook for $417.27 for printing of the synodical and W.M.S. pre-prints of reports and minutes of Synod. Several communications were presented on the following subjects: letter from Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz regarding Synod merger and proposal of Kansas Synod to provide for a full-time president; letter regarding the Common Investing Fund of the United Lutheran Church in America; letter regarding recommendation of the U.L.C.A. Board on organization of the Social Missions Committee was referred to the Committee on Synodical Constitution with approval of the recommendation; letter from the Rev. George F. Harkins inquiring whether Synod will use the recommended Standard Outline Budget for Synods, which matter was referred to the Treasurer of Synod for study and later action.

The Rev. Calvin Naugle reported that a special bequest of $100,000.00 to Tabitha Home would make possible the immediate construction of

a new workers' building. Conference presidents reported on final plans for conference meetings. Appointment by the president of the Rev. Aksel Larsen as Southern Conference president (acting) was approved. Stewardship Secretary, the Rev. R. W. Albert reported on plans for Fall Stewardship Rallies in the Synod. Report of K. S. L. Editor Tonsing was received. Student work report was made by Pastor Albert and a grant of $25.00 was made for student work at the University of Missouri. Dr. T. Benton Peery reported on plans for the synod-wide campaign to secure subscriptions for "The Lutheran" on the synodical plan. Attention was called to the increase in the congregational share of payments toward the pastors' pensions from 4 per cent to 8 per cent.

Recommendation that Synod affiliate with the Kansas Council of Churches and that a token contribution for same be made was passed. The request from Midland College that Synod approve an annual offering in its congregations on Luther's birthday was referred to Synod. A similar request from Central Seminary for a special offering was also referred to Synod.

The Rev. Aksel C. Larsen was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. O. E. Eaton on the Home Missions Committee. Report of the Camp Committee and of the Camp Committee Treasurer were presented. Name of the Camp Committee was changed to Wa-Shun-Ga Property Committee. Members of the committee were reappointed. The report of the Lutheran Youth Camps Committee was presented. The name of this committee was changed to Camp Program Committee. Committee appointments were made as listed in the roster of committees.

Resignations of the following from the Parish Education Committee were reported: The Rev. Aksel C. Larsen, the Rev. Richard O. Scherch, and Mrs. Ralph Ausherman. They were replaced with the following: the Rev. Calvin J. Naugle, chairman, the Rev. Arthur Miller, and Mrs. John Cole. Expenses of Mrs. J. Franklin Schirck to attend the audio-visual institute in Wichita were allowed.

Reports of the Ministerial Education Committee, Protocol Committee, Luther League, and Brotherhood were presented for information. The Secretary was instructed to secure bids for the printing of the pre-convention bulletin and the minutes of Synod. The Synodical Statistician was instructed to prepare a roll of all congregation and auxiliary officers of all congregations on the basis of the 1953 parochial reports to be made available to all congregations and synodical officers. The Home Missions Committee was instructed to dispose of the property at Elmo to the best advantage. Plans for the 86th annual convention of Synod were discussed with the pastor Loci. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Salina, February 1, 1954.

Meeting of February 1, 1954

$140.00 in an inactive special fund on "The Lutheran" was transferred to contingency. Reports of the Treasurer and Auditors were accepted. A bill in the amount of $11.00 to Hutch-Line, Inc., was presented for additional stationery.

Pastor Walter H. Moeller of Salina presented the members of his Convention Committee. Plans for the program of the 86th annual convention of Synod were drawn up. (See official program). The Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing was elected Vice-President pro tempore.

The Executive Committee recommended to the president the appointment of a special committee to investigate the Baird matter in Atchison and to make its recommendations to the president, who was to issue a letter of good standing on behalf of Pastor Baird unless formal charges were to be brought.

Reports were received from the presidents of the Conferences, the editor of the "Kansas Synod Lutheran," and the Home Missions Committee. It was decided that title to the parsonage and certain properties of the Blue Ridge Trinity Lutheran Church, Raytown, Missouri, be transferred from the Synod to the congregation. The request of the Home Missions Committee for 75 cents per capita in the 1955 budget was granted. Also decided to transfer $500.00 from K. S. L. Fund and $500.00 from the Contingency Fund to the Home Missions Fund.

It was decided that the request of Midland College for a year-end appeal be referred to Synod. Expenses for the Directors of the Junior-Intermediate Camp and the Senior Camp to attend the Midwest Recreation Conference were approved. An allowance of $65.00 to Mrs. J. Franklin Shirck for Visual Aids was made. It was decided to accept the bid of the Mennonite Press, North Newton, Kansas, for printing of the pre-convention bulletins and the minutes of Synod.

The budget for 1955 was presented. It was decided to retain the figure of $11.00 per capita as the apportionment basis. Breakdown of the budget may be found in the recommendations below.

The Executive Committee will meet again on May 3, immediately prior to the 86th annual convention.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That, in as much as the constitution of the Kansas Council of Churches has been amended to conform to the evangelical principle and the membership principle of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Kansas Synod affiliate with the Kansas Council of Churches and that a token contribution be made to the said Kansas Council of Churches. **Action deferred.**

2. That Synod consider the request of the Midland College Board that congregations of the Kansas Synod receive an annual offering for Midland College on a Midland Emphasis Day to be observed annually on the Sunday nearest Martin Luther's birthday. Ammended by substituting "grant" for "consider." **Adopted as ammended.**

3. That Synod consider the request of the Central Seminary Board for a special appeal on behalf of Central Seminary in the congregations of our Synod. **Ammended to read:** That the Synod authorize officers of

Central Seminary to arrange with individual congregations of the Synod to present the cause of the seminary and to seek offerings to be applied on debt retirement. **Adopted as ammended.**

4. That the synodical budget for 1955 be based on $83,083.00, computed at $11.00 per capita on a communing membership of 7,553, division of items to be as follows:

	Per Cent	Part of Each $11.00	Total
United Lutheran Church	54.09%	$ 5.950	$44,939.59
Midland College	20.51%	2.256	17,040.32
Central Theological Seminary	6.82%	.750	5,666.26
Tabitha Home	.91%	.100	765.06
"Kansas Synod Lutheran"	.91%	.100	765.06
Home Missions Committee	6.82%	.750	5,666.26
Ministerial Education	1.86%	.205	1,545.34
Synodical Treasury	6.45%	.710	5,358.85
Contingency Fund	1.63%	.179	1,354.25
Totals	100.00%	$11.00	*$83,100.99

*The total figure varies slightly from the base figure since the percentages were calculated only to the nearest hundreth per cent.

Adopted

Supplementary:

5. That Synod authorize the Executive Committee to dispose of the property of the Bunkerhill congregation, which has been deeded to Synod, and that the funds of the Bunkerhill congregation still on hand and the proceeds from the sale of the property be turned over to the Home Missions Committee. **Adopted.**

Respectfully submitted,
H. G. Ritzen, secretary

Report of the Necrologist

With humble gratitude to a gracious God we report that death has not once entered our ranks during the past year. May the Master find us each intent on His service whenever He sees fit to call us at the close of our little day.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. McCulloch, Necrologist

Report of Treasurer

Statement of Receipts Disbursements and Balance

	Balance Jan. 5, 1953	Receipts Apport.	Receipts Others	Disbursements	Balance Jan. 5, 1954
U. L. C. A.	$ —	$38,388.19	$ —	$ 38,388.19	$ —
Tabitha	—	1,090.13	2,253.17	3,343.30	—
Midland	—	16,585.57	145.00	16,730.57	—
Central	—	5,372.78	602.42	5,975.20	—
L. W. A.	—	—	9,451.35	9,451.35	—
C. H. E. Y.	—	—	328.95	328.95	—
Foreign Missions	—	—	1,499.40	1,499.40	—
Children of Church	—	—	77.02	77.02.	—
Luth. Sub.	140.00	—	—	—	140.00
Synod Treas.	1,555.18	5,762.13	184.19	5,494.21	2,007.29
Home Missions	3,629.38	4,671.98	5,601.75	12,186.46	1,716.65
Missions 10	1,289.00	—	3,985.00	—	5,274.00
K. S. L.	1,240.13	2,102.39	—	1,558.45	1,784.07
Min. Ed.	1,310.01	1,557.35	300.00	1,313.36	1,854.00
Camp Program Comm.	33.35	—	600.00	633.35	—
Contingent Fund	1,157.75	2,335.99	—	2,778.49	715.25
Miscellaneous					
March of Dimes	—	—	10.00	10.00	—
Bd. Amer. Missions	—	—	109.82	109.82	—
Brotherhood Ann.	—	—	39.40	39.40	—
Rocky Boy Ind. Miss.	—	—	62.14	62.14	—
Red Cross	—	—	5.00	5.00	—
Tot. Synod Account	$10,354.80	$77,866.51	$25,254.61	$ 99,984.66	$13,491.26
Camp Wa-Shun-Ga	10,222.89	—	18,195.02	21,547.45	6,870.46
Total All Accounts	$20,577.69	$77,866.51	$43,449.63	$121,532.11	$20,361.72

AVAILABLE CASH

SYNOD

Balance—National Bank of America	$ 8,538.42	
Deferred Deposits	20,616.66	
	$29,155.08	
Less Outstanding Checks	15,663.82	
Total Synod		$13,491.26

CAMP WA-SHUN-GA		
Balance—National Bank of America	$ 6,941.82	
Deferred Deposits	121.05	
	$ 7,062.87	
Less Outstanding Checks	192.41	
Total Camp Wa-Shun-Ga		$ 6,870.46
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH		$20,361.72

January 5, 1952 to January 5, 1953

BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1953		$10,354.80
Receipts:		
App. Benevolence	$77,866.51	
Synodical Treasury	184.19	
Home Missions	5,601.75	
Missions Ten	3,985.00	
Tabitha Home	2,253.17	
Midland	145.00	
Min. Ed.	300.00	
L. W. A.	9,451.35	
Foreign Missions	1,499.40	
Camp Program Committee	600.00	
Children of Church	77.02	
Central Seminary	602.42	
C. H. E. Y	328.95	
March of Dimes	10.00	
Board American Mission	109.82	
Brotherhood Anniversary	39.40	
Rocky Boy Indian Mission	62.14	
Red Cross	5.00	
Total Receipts		$103,121.12
Total		$113,475.92
Disbursements:		
Synodical Treasury	$ 5,494.21	
Home Missions	12,186.46	
K. S. L.	1,558.45	
Tabitha — Apportionment	1,090.13	
Tabitha	2,253.17	
Midland — Apportionment	16,585.57	
Midland	145.00	
Min. Education	1,313.36	
L. W. A.	9,451.35	
U. L. C. A. — Apportionment	38,388.19	
Foreign Missions	1,499.40	
Camp Program Committees	633.35	
Children of Church	77.02	

Central — Apportionment	5,372.78	
Central	602.42	
C. H. E. Y.	328.95	
Contingent Fund	2,778.49	
U. L. C. A. — Miscellaneous	226.36	
Total Disbursements		$ 99,984.66
BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1954		$ 13,491.26

Division of Balances

Synodical Treasury	$ 2,007.29
Luth. Sub.	140.00
Home Missions	1,716.65
Missions Ten	5,274.00
K. S. L.	1,784.07
Min. Ed.	1,854.00
Cont. Fund	715.25
	$ 13,491.26

Allocation of Apportionment

U. L. C. A.	49.3%	$ 38,388.19
Tabitha	1.4%	1,090.13
Midland	21.3%	16,585.57
Central	6.9%	5,372.78
Synod Treas.	7.4%	5,762.13
Home Missions	6.0%	4,671.98
K. S. L.	2.7%	2,102.39
Min. Ed.	2.0%	1,557.35
Cont. Fund	3.0%	2,335.99
	100.0%	$ 77,866.51

Synodical Treasurer

BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1953		$ 1,555.18
Receipts:		
Apportionment	$ 5,762.13	
Synod Offering	134.19	
W. M. S. for Minutes	50.00	5,946.32
		$ 7,501.50
Disbursements:		
President's Expense	$ 1,680.01	
President's Assistant	272.85	
Executive Committee Expense	479.61	
Other Committee	651.42	
Printing, Office Supplies and Postage	677.35	
Honoraria	400.00	

Youth Work	295.00	
Delegate Expense	104.65	
Secretary's Expense	181.03	
Printing Synod Minutes	417.29	
Audit	100.00	
Miscellaneous (Mrs. R. Tonsing)	50.00	
(Crosses for Past Presidents)	85.00	
(Legal Work)	100.00	$ 5,494.21
BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1954		$ 2,007.29

Home Missions

BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1953		$ 3,629.38
Receipts:		
Apportionment	$ 4,671.98	
Donnahue Loan and Investment (Kent)	3,600.00	
Kent Memorial (Note and Mortgage Retirement)	930.00	
Kent Memorial (Interest Paid)	384.05	
Kent Memorial (Refund, Pastor's Moving Expense)	300.00	
Bd. of Amer. Miss. (Marysville Survey)	27.80	
Blue Ridge Trinity (Refund on Loan Expense)	5.90	
Wichita Reformation (Return Salary Aid Advance)	200.00	
Rev. George Search	150.00	
Miscellaneous	4.00	
Total Receipts		$ 10,273.73
TOTAL		$ 13,903.11
Disbursements:		
Committee	$ 944.48	
Kent Memorial (Loan)	3,600.00	
Kent Memorial (Loan)	250.00	
Kent Memorial (Moving Pastor)	750.00	
Interest Paid (Kent Memorial)	336.00	
Note Retirement (Kent Memorial)	200.00	
Pulpit Supply (Kent Memorial)	215.00	
Car Expense (Kent Memorial)	175.00	
Car Expense (Prairie Village)	300.00	
Car Expense (Wichita—Reformation)	225.00	
Salary Aid (Greenleaf)	600.00	
Salary Aid (Ft. Smith)	300.00	
Salary Aid (Wichita—Reformation)	100.00	
Salary Aid (Sedalia)	281.18	
Salary Aid Advance (Wichita—Reformation)	200.00	
Rent (Raytown)	50.00	

Wayne S. Cherry Realty (Raytown)	2,500.00	
Board of American Missions (Raytown)	187.24	
Title Insurance (Raytown)	44.50	
Donnahue Loan and Investment (Kent)	200.00	
Board of American Missions (Kent)	358.86	
Rev. George Search	150.00	
Legal Expenses	219.20	
Total Disbursements		$ 12,186.46
BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1954		$ 1,716.65

Missions 10

BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1953		$ 1,289.00
Receipts		3,985.00
Total		$ 5,274.00
Disbursements—(None)		
BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1954		$ 5,274.00

K.S.I.

BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1953		$ 1,240.13
Receipts:		
Apportionment		2,102.39
Total		$ 3,342.52
Disbursements:		
Emporia Gazette	$ 1,484.55	
Committee	73.90	1,558.45
BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1954		$ 1,784.07

Ministerial Education

BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1953		$ 1,310.01
Receipts:		
Apportionment	$ 1,557.35	
David Spellman	300.00	1,857.35
Total		$ 3,167.36
Disbursements:		
Student Aid	$ 1,250.00	
Committee Expense	63.36	1,313.36
BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1954		$ 1,854.00

Camp Program Committee

BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1953		$ 33.35
Receipts:		
Camp Wa-Shun-Ga	$ 500.00	
Synodical Treasurer	100.00	600.00
Total		$ 633.35
Disbursements:		
Committee		633.35
BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1954		$ —

Lutheran Subscriptions

BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1953	$ 140.00
Receipts	—
Total	$ 140.00
Disbursements	—
BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1954	140.00

Contingent Fund

BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1953		$ 1,157.75
Receipts:		
Apportionment		2,335.99
Total		$ 3,493.74
Disbursements:		
Camp Wa-Shun-Ga	$ 778.49	
Missions 10	2,000.00	2,778.49
BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1954		$ 715.25

Camp Wa-Shun-Ga

BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1953		$ 10,222.89
Receipts:		
Camp Fees	$14,692.65	
Sales Tax	333.72	
Store	1,991.82	
Miscellaneous	298.34	
Subsidy (Contingency Fund)	778.49	
Rev. Geo. Search (Rev. Fund)	100.00	18,195.02
Total		$ 28,417.91
Disbursements:		
1. Kitchen	$ 4,997.00	
2. Salaries	2,622.30	

3. Store	1,559.09	
4. Equipment (Permanent)	3,014.61	
5. Extra Help	2,286.00	
6. Truck-Tractor Hire	263.33	
7. Utilities	334.61	
8. Repairs	2,218.93	
9. Mileage	504.16	
10. Pickup Expense	608.87	
11. Maintenance	1,248.88	
12. Incidental	1,113.97	
13. Sales Tax	333.70	
14. Withholding Tax	442.00	21,547.43
BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 5, 1954		$ 6,870.46

Summary Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Fund Balances January 6, 1953 to January 5, 1954

Fund	Fund Balance 1-6-53	Receipts 1-6-53 to 1-5-54	Disbursements 1-6-53 to 1-5-54	Fund Balance 1-5-54
Synodical Treasurer	$ 1,555.18	$ 5,776.32	$ 5,324.21	$ 2,007.29
Home Missions	3,629.38	10,273.73	12,186.46	1,716.65
Mission Ten Club	1,289.00	3,985.00	—	5,274.00
Kansas Synod Lutheran	1,240.13	2,102.39	1,558.45	1,784.07
Tabitha Home	—	3,343.30	3,343.30	—
Midland College	—	16,730.57	16,730.57	—
Ministerial Education	1,310.01	1,857.35	1,313.36	1,854.00
Lutheran World Action	—	9,451.35	9,451.35	—
United Lutheran Church in America	—	38,388.19	38,388.19	—
Foreign Missions	—	1,499.40	1,499.40	—
Lutheran Youth Camp	33.35	670.00	703.35	—
Children of the Church	—	77.02	77.02	—
Central Seminary	—	5,975.20	5,975.20	—
C. H. E. Y.	—	328.95	328.95	—
Contingent Fund	1,157.75	335.99	778.49	715.25
Miscellaneous Receipts	—	226.36	226.36	—
Lutheran Subscriptions	140.00	—	—	140.00
Totals	$10,354.80	$101,021.12	$97,884.66	$13,491.26

Fund Balance—January 5, 1954, Represented By:

Cash in The National Bank of America, Salina, Kansas	$(7,125.40)
Cash on Hand for Deposit	20,616.66
Total	$13,491.26

Cash Receipts
January 6, 1953 to January 5, 1954

	Cash Receipts	Apportionment of Apportioned Benevolence	Apportionment of Contingent Fund and Synodical Treasurer	Total
Apportioned Benevolence	$ 77,866.51	($77,866.51)	$ —	$ —
Synodical Treasurer	184.19	5,762.13	(170.00)	5,776.32
Home Missions	5,601.75	4,671.98	—	10,273.73
Mission Ten Club	1,985.00	—	2,000.00	3,985.00
"Kansas Synod Lutheran"		2,102.39	—	2,102.39
Tabitha Home	2,253.17	1,090.13	—	3,343.30
Midland College	145.00	16,585.57	—	16,730.57
Ministerial Education	300.00	1,557.35	—	1,857.35
Lutheran World Action	9,451.35	—	—	9,451.35
United Lutheran Church in America	—	38,388.19	—	38,388.19
Foreign Missions	1,499.40	—	—	1,499.40
Lutheran Youth Camp	500.00	—	170.00	670.00
Children of the Church	77.02	—	—	77.02
Central Seminary	602.42	5,372.78	—	5,975.20
C.H.E.Y.	328.95	—	—	328.95
Contingent Fund	—	2,335.99	(2,000.00)	335.99
Miscellaneous Receipts	226.36	—	—	226.36
Lutheran Subscriptions	—	—	—	—
Totals	$101,021.12	$ —	$ —	$101,021.12

CAMP WA-SHUN-GA
Summary Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Fund Balances
January 6, 1953 to January 5, 1954

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE—CASH IN BANK		$10,222.89
PLUS—Receipts:		
Camp Fees	$14,692.65	
Store	1,991.82	
Sales Tax	333.72	
Miscellaneous	264.34	
Contributions	4.00	
Women's Missionary Society	30.00	
Synod	778.49	
Revolving Fund	100.00	
Total Cash Receipts		$18,195.02
TOTAL CASH TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		$28,417.91

LESS—Disbursements:		
Kitchen	$ 4,997.00	
Salaries	2,622.30	
Store	1,559.09	
Permanent Equipment	3,014.61	
Extra Help	2,286.00	
Truck—Tractor Hire	263.33	
Utilities	334.61	
Repairs	2,218.93	
Mileage	504.16	
Pickup Expense	608.87	
Maintenance	1,248.88	
Incidental	1,113.97	
Sales Tax	333.70	
Withholding Tax	442.00	
Total Disbursements		$21,547.45
ENDING FUND BALANCE—CASH ON HAND IN BANK		$ 6,870.46
Fund Balance—January 5, 1954, Represented By:		
Cash in The National Bank of America, Salina, Kansas		$ 6,749.41
Checks on Hand		121.05
Total		$ 6,870.46

Report of the Auditors

KENNEDY AND COE

Certified Public Accountants

Salina, Kansas

January 28, 1954

Members of the Directory of Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas
and Adjacent States

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your instructions we have examined the books and records of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States for the period January 6, 1953, to January 5, 1954.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

Our examination consisted of the verification of receipts, disbursements, and cash balances only, and did not include a verification of assets other than cash or of liabilities. Cash receipt vouchers were test checked to the receipts journal, and the total receipts for the period was compared with the total deposits for the period as recorded on the

statements from the depositary. The totals were found to be in agreement.

Cancelled checks for the period were examined for date, signature, payee, amount and endorsement. All check numbers were accounted for and all cancelled checks were compared with entries in the Cash Disbursements Journal.

The following is a brief summary of cash receipts, cash disbursements, and cash balances for the period January 6, 1953, to January 5, 1954.

	Synod	Camp Wa-Shun-Ga	Total
Beginning Balance—			
Cash on Hand and in Bank	$ 10,354.80	$10,222.89	$ 20,577.69
Plus—Receipts, Cash Receipts January 6, 1953 to January 5, 1954	101,021.12	18,195.02	119,216.14
	$111,375.92	$28,417.91	$139,793.83
Less—Disbursements	97,884.66	21,547.45	119,432.11
Ending Balance—			
Cash on Hand and in Bank	$ 13,491.26	$ 6,870.46	$ 20,361.72

Receipts from the various churches for the Apportioned Benevolence and Lutheran World Action Funds were test checked to the treasurer's apportionment records. All receipts were properly accounted for by the treasurer. A comparison of the budget with the receipts for the Apportioned Benevolence and Lutheran World Action Funds for the various churches for the period January 6, 1953, to January 5, 1954, is shown in Exhibit "C."

Receipts, disbursements and the cash balance of Camp Wa-Shun-Ga were verified in accordance with the procedure outlined for the verification of the receipts and disbursements of the Synod.

The records examined were under the jurisdiction of Mr. Charles M. Stark, Salina, Kansas.

The courtesy and assistance extended during the course of this examination is greatly appreciated and any further information contained in our files will be furnished upon request.

Respectfully submitted,
KENNEDY and COE
Certified Public Accountants.

Report of the Stewardship and LWA Secretary

During the year copies of the news letter "Stewardship Notes" were mailed to some 500 councilmen and other leaders in our congregations of Synod.

A series of Councilmen's Rallies was held throughout the territory of Synod from October 12 to 20, 1953. Mr. Zeb Trexler was the invited speaker at each of the rallies. Also on the program each evening was a representative of Synod. It was the judgment of those participating

that the rallies were beneficial in bringing to our councilmen not only the basic concept of Christian stewardship but also ways and means of conducting a positive, constructive stewardship program in the local congregation. Our sincere appreciation to Mr. Trexler for his contributions in our Synod-wide emphasis.

Appreciation is expressed to those pastors and congregations who responded, as true Christian stewards, to the needs of the whole program of the whole Church through their apportioned benevolence and Lutheran World Action. Love alone motivates Christian stewardship. May our response to Christ's love for us grow and grow until we are conscious of our part in His plan to bring His Gospel to all men to the end that "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess Him to be the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,
R. W. Albert

Report of the Statistician

The summary of the statistics for 1953 shows an increase in communing membership of 151 with the total for the Synod of 7,704 members. These figures include Raytown, Blue Ridge Trinity with a membership of 72, not yet formally received by the Synod and carried on the parochial report as a non-synodical congregation. There were only small changes from the previous year in baptized and confirmed membership due to long-delayed revisions made by seven congregations. The 'losses otherwise' reported by these seven were 269 child and 276 adult members. Membership of the Synod as of December 31, 1953, was 45 congregations, 39 pastors, 17,254 baptized members, 12,046 confirmed and 7,704 communing. Wichita, St. Paul's is the largest congregation with 630 members.

The Sunday school enrollment was reported as 5,525, a 3 per cent increase. There were also increases in the Home Department enrollment and in the number of catechumens but decreases in the nursery roll and in weekday and vacation school enrollments.

The congregations expended $532,466 in 1953, an increase of $18,711. There were increases in the expenditures for current expenses and the apportionment and decreases for unusual expenses and unapportioned benevolences. Each confirmed member contributed an average of $44.20, divided into $34.45 for congregational expenses and $9.75 for benevolence. Property evaluation is close to the three million dollar mark, $2,927,511 being reported. This is an increase of $273,028 over the previous year. Indebtedness increased $86,306 to a total of $322,710. Fourteen congregations reported indebtedness, four less than in 1952. Six were removed from the list and two added.

Contribution to the increased apportionment was $77,867, the largest in the history of the Synod but not quite enough to meet the amount apportioned. It was 96.65 per cent of the $80,564 asked for. Twenty-five congregations paid in full or in excess. Twenty-five cents more from each member would have placed the Synod in the 'paid in excess' class.

Reports were received from all congregations. The first reports were received from Lawrence, Trinity and Fort Smith, St. Luke's and the last report from the Mentor-New Cambria parish on February 17. The reporting this year was much improved, being the most nearly accurate of the last ten years. This, of course, is much appreciated as is the co-operation of all the pastors and secretaries of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Chas. A. Harkness, Jr.

Report of the Historian

The historian has responded to all requests for information and has undertaken to assist Central Theological Seminary in completing its file of the Minutes of Synod. If the Synod does not take unfavorable action he will attempt to complete the file of the "Kansas Synod Lutheran" and to have it bound.

The problem of a central and relatively fireproof storage place is still an important one. The historian does not have a recommendation to make on this question, but hopes that some discussion of it will lead to a solution.

Respectfully submitted,
George L. Anderson

Report of the Home Missions Committee

The Home Missions Committee is pleased to present the following report of its work during the past year. The Home Missions program of Synod continues to move forward.

We are grateful for the help from the Board of American Missions, the funds made available through the Kansas Synod budget, and the help of the Missions Ten Club. A considerable number of fields have been under observation by the committee. Some have been given a preliminary survey and some have had house to house surveys made in them. The committee now has five fields that are being held for additional study or are scheduled for future survey.

TULSA, Oklahoma, the Reverend Fred Henkel, Board Missionary. This field on the south side of Tulsa has been under observation by our committee for several years. We are very glad that the Reverend Henkel has been secured by the Board of American Missions to develop this field. He began his work in South Tulsa in February, and will be able to report his progress by the time of the meeting of Synod.

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, Blue Ridge Trinity Lutheran Church, the Reverend Edwin J. Hirsch, pastor. This mission was organized in 1953 and has been meeting in the hall over the Smith Hardware Store, in Raytown, Missouri. The mission has been progressing and developing its church and Sunday school membership. A parsonage has been purchased in the area for the pastor, and the congregation is now taking steps toward its new building program.

In order to secure a favorable lot on Blue Ridge Boulevard the Home Missions Committee, with the approval and help of the Board of American Missions, purchased a tract of land adjacent to Blue Ridge Boulevard. This tract of approximately nineteen acres was subdivided into thirty-six lots in addition to the choice church lot, approximately 200 x 250 feet. A parsonage lot and several smaller lots adjacent to the church lot will be held for future use. Fifteen of the remaining lots have been sold at the time of the writing of this report, and homes are being built on them. The prospect for the sale of the remaining lots in the next couple of years is very bright, as there is much building development in this area. A new school building is being built across from the sub-division made by the Home Missions Committee.

A project of this type entails considerable responsibility by the Committee of the Synod and much work for those who have served on the committee, the leaders of the congregation, and Cherry Realty Company which is serving as agent for the Synod. A report of the receipts and disbursements to date, and an estimate of the future possibilities is included with the report of the Treasurer of Synod.

PRAIRIE VILLAGE, Kansas, Faith Lutheran Church, the Reverend W. F. Most, pastor. This mission, organized in 1950, has been making unusually fine progress. The new church building costing approximately $100,000, was dedicated in October, 1953, and is already filled to capacity on each Sunday morning. A good field for development, the hard work of the pastor and enthusiastic help of the congregation has made possible the rapid development of this mission.

WASHINGTON, Kansas, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, the Reverend H. H. Bernhardt, pastor. This congregation, organized in 1949, has been making fine progress in building up its membership. The congregation has been worshiping for some time in the old Episcopal Church building. A parsonage for the pastor has been secured and new lots for the erection of a church. This winter the congregation voted to embark on a program to erect a new church building. It is hoped that the pastor and the members of the congregation will be able to make rapid progress in the completion of their church building, and the development of this congregation into one of the strong churches of Synod.

WICHITA, Kansas, Reformation Lutheran Church, the Reverend Eugene L. Smith, pastor. This congregation, organized in 1952, has a parsonage for the pastor and has purchased church lots on Kellogg Avenue. It is now in the process of developing its building plans for a new church building. Since arrangements have been made by the new pastor to hold church services in a school building in the center of the area of the mission field, the attendance in Sunday school and church has increased substantially. Missions Ten funds have already been given to this congregation to assist in its building program. The Mission is located in a rapidly growing area and with the enthusiastic work of the pastor and people, will make good progress.

SUNRISE BEACH, Missouri, Kent Memorial Lutheran Church, the Reverend Raymond Johnson, pastor. This mission was organized in 1951. The new pastor came to this congregation last December. During the interim between pastors last summer a number of ministers of Synod supplied the church and the Reverend W. A. Klink served for two and one half months during the fall. This congregation has an unusually attractive church building and a fine new parsonage, and has all the facilities and possibilities of making good progress in the future. It is located in the vacation area in the heart of the Lake of the Ozarks country, and therefore renders a service not only to the resident people who are members of the congregation, but to a large number of vacationists who come to the lake area each spring, summer and fall.

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the Reverend Don H. Zinger, pastor. This congregation organized in 1948 is holding two church services each Sunday morning. The pastor and people have been working energetically to increase the membership. The congregation is in the process of refinancing its church indebtedness. It also has hopes of securing an additional tract of land adjacent to the present church lots for future church development. The congregation has an attractive church building erected in 1948, and a parsonage for the pastor to which an addition was added this past year.

FORTH SMITH, Arkansas, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, the Reverend Leo La Fontaine, pastor. This congregation organized in 1929 has an attractive church building completed a number of years ago. This church, located in what may be considered the "South" as far as Lutheran church work is concerned, is making a substantial and effective witness for our church in this southern area.

SEDALIA, Missouri, Trinity Lutheran Church, the Reverend David Funk, pastor. This congregation has had the hardship of having to repair its building as the result of a tornado about a year and a half ago, and this past year has had to make additional repairs due to weakening of walls on another side of the building. This has thrown an additional strain on the congregation for these repairs and improvements. We regret that the Home Missions Committee has not been able to provide more aid, since the committee funds must be distributed among the many needs of the various missions of the Synod.

The congregation has been making fine progress and especially has been increasing its membership through the energetic efforts of Pastor Funk. We have high hopes for the development of Trinity Church in Sedalia.

GREENLEAF, Kansas, Trinity and St. Paul's Lutheran churches, the Reverend Franklin Shirck, pastor. This parish has received aid from the Home Missions Committee of Synod for a number of years due to the reduction of the number of its members that have been transferred to the new mission in Washington, Kansas. Its growth is

limited somewhat by the small size of the community, and it is hoped that with the aid of the Home Missions Committee the pastor and congregation can gradually increase the membership of the church until it can become self-sustaining. The pastor and congregation have worked faithfully in maintaining the church buildings, and in providing a comfortable parsonage for the pastor.

THE 1954 BUDGET

Greenleaf, Kansas, St. Paul, Salary Aid	$ 600.00
Fort Smith, Ark., St. Luke's, Debt Retirement	300.00
Fort Smith, Ark., St. Luke's, Salary Aid	300.00
Sedalia, Mo., Salary Aid	500.00
Wichita, Kansas, Reformation, Car Allowance	300.00
Wichita, Kansas, Reformation, Church Rent Allowance ($15.00 per Sunday, Jan. 1 to June 1)	330.00
Sunrise Beach, Mo., Kent Memorial, Car Allowance	300.00
Prairie Village, Kansas, Faith, Car Allowance	300.00
South Tulsa, Okla., Mission Field, Car Allowance	400.00
South Tulsa, Okla., Mission Field, Survey Expenses	100.00
Sedalia, Mo., Trinity, Improvement Grant	500.00
Wichita, Kansas, Reformation, Grant on Building (to augment Missions Ten funds to total of $4,000)	500.00
Contingency	1,000.00
Committee Expense	400.00
	$5,830.00

Respectfully submitted,
Reno R. Frobenius, chairman

Report of Student Service Secretary

During the past year several meetings were held by the student pastors and faculty advisors of our Lutheran student work at the University of Kansas and Kansas State University. These meeting were called by and attended by the Reverend Paul Bierstedt, secretary, Division of Student Service, National Lutheran Council. The purpose of the meetings was to explore the possibility of establishing a Kansas Lutheran Student Foundation. Real progress was made.

Your Secretary urges all pastors to write the student pastors when they have young people going away to school. A list of colleges and universities with the names of the designated student pastors is given in the ULCA Yearbook. Only with this co-operation can effective work be done with our students as they continue their education in our institutions of higher education.

Appreciation is expressed to the staff of the Division of Student Service for its assistance in making possible a more effective service to our students. By means of financial assistance, the Division has made possible the work of a graduate student assistant on the campus of Kansas University and Kansas State.

Respectfully submitted,
R. W. Albert

Report of the Parish Education Committee

Due to various changes in personnel on the Committee throughout the year, it is impossible to make a complete report. Therefore, we must be content to deal with events of the present and with future plans.

The present committee:

Pastor Calvin J. Naugle, Chairman
Mrs. E. P. Boersch, Children's Secretary
Mrs. Franklin Shirck, Visual Aids
Pastor Eugene Smith, Youth Work
Pastor Sherman Frederick, Youth Work
Pastor Edwin Hirsch, Adult Work
Pastor Arthur Miller, Enlistment Secretary

The Board of Parish Education called all synodical directors and chairmen to a conference in Cincinnati, January 20 and 21. There was 100 per cent representation mainly because the Board paid the expenses. The emphasis at the conference was fourfold: (1) To give a ULCA wide vision of the total program of parish education. Roman Catholics give 200 hours of religious education to their children each year, Jewish children receive 300, while Protestant children (exclusive of the few weekday church schools) receive but 21 hours; (2) The growing need for the weekday church school and the advantages of the new children's program; (3) An opportunity was given each synod to present its peculiar problems of parish education; and (4) arrangements were made for field work in 1954.

The Board of Parish Education has prepared a far-reaching, thought provoking, and significant document on parish education, "A Statement of Basic Principles and a Program of Christian Education." This document is presented to the Church, her Auxiliaries and Congregations for study this year. Any pastor desiring to read and evaluate the document must make a request to the Board. Your Committee, individually and collectively, will make an evaluation and urge all pastors and interested workers to do likewise.

On February 15, Pastor J. William Wahl, Enlistment Secretary of the Board of Parish Education met with your Synodical Committee in Kansas City to study the above mentioned document on Parish Education; consider plans for the Western Regional Conference (Denver, June 17-18) on Parish Education; make plans for field work (September 9-14) in area meetings with congregational workers of our Synod; and give general information to the Committee. Your Committee hopes to have the itinerary for area conferences set up and approved by the close of this Synodical Convention.

Your Committee urges every Congregation to appoint a secretary for Children's Work. This ought to be done, if not already, whether the Congregation plans to use the new children's program in whole, or part, or not at all. As soon as the appointment is made send it to your Conference Secretary for Children's Work or directly to, Mrs. E. P.

Boersch, 132 So. Chelsea, Kansas City 23, Mo., the Synodical Secretary for Children's Work. The Synodical Secretary will channel information through the Conference Secretary to the Congregational Secretary. This way you will always be informed of available literature, programs, etc.

A Catalog of our Visual-aids Library is available. While 24 congregations are subscribers to this library, it is felt that congregations are not making as much use of this method of teaching as they might. We urge others to subscribe and use the library.

Recommendation

That the Parish Education Committee be authorized to send the Chairman and two members appearing on the program to the Western Regional Conference on Parish Education. **Adopted.**

Respectfully submitted,
Calvin J. Naugle, chairman

Report of Ministerial Education Committee

The Committee on Ministerial Education carefully considered each request for student-aid assistance during the 1953-54 academic year, and the following aid was allowed:

Ronald Darge—Sophomore—Midland College	$ 250.00
Richard Ira Preis—Junior—Hamma Divinity	250.00
Charles S. Rogge—Junior—Central Seminary	250.00
Robert Schlichter—Senior—Chicago Seminary	200.00
Jerry J. Shaft—Senior—Midland College	250.00
James R. Wingate—Freshman—Midland College	125.00
	$1,275.00

Student James R. Wingate withdrew from Midland on November 11, 1953, and therefore did not make request for second semester assistance.

Another student, Mr. David Spellman, after consultation with his pastor and with our committee decided to discontinue his studies for the ministry, at least for the time being. As a result he sent a check to our committee for the amount of $250.00 which he had borrowed, and an additional $50.00 for the Committee's Funds, to be used to help some other student.

One committee meeting was held during the year at Waterville, Kansas. The committee has tried to keep its own expenses at a minimum. However, we have been ready to serve our students at any time they might need assistance. As a result, we have been able to serve some of these young men by helping with their problems.

Respectfully submitted,
Martin C. Ashley, chairman

Report of Foreign Missions for 1954

The Epiphany Appeal this year was for chapels in India and Japan and it is the hope that our congregations will again do their share for this worthy cause. Some Sunday schools took as a special project the gathering of funds for at least one chapel. It would be a good foreign mission project for every Sunday school of our Synod, and it is not too late to start one now.

The Unit Plan, whereby a congregation can give as little as $300.00 per year toward the support of one of our foreign missionaries is slowly taking place within our Synod. Some of our congregations can do more than this but the Unit Plan gives every congregation the opportunity to have a personal representative on the foreign field.

Because of the welcome reception the Rev. E. G. Woods, D.D., our missionary to the Guntur District in India, received in his visitation of the congregations of Synod, it was thought that a similar visit by some of our missionaries from another field would be a great help for our foreign mission cause. Miss Esther Bacon, our missionary to Liberia, Africa, was contacted and an itinerary worked out whereby she was able to speak to groups in thirty of our congregations. That is a very large percentage of our congregations and the pastors deserve a very fine compliment for their interest and loyal co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry R. Allen, chairman

Report of the Committee on Social Missions

The Board of Social Missions conducted a "School of Industrial Relations" in Allentown, Pa., June 8-12, 1953, which your chairman attended. A few congregations have had a report on this school, and others may still have such a report or any help your chairman can give in setting up labor management institutes in their congregations or communities by arranging for the same with him.

On February 12, 1954, members of the Social Missions Committee, President Alexander, and four other representatives of our Synod met in Omaha, Nebraska, with similar representatives of the Nebraska and Midwest Synods. The purpose of this meeting was to study the response of congregations to the evangelism program as promoted by the Board of Social Missions during the past three years. The Rev. C. Franklin Koch, D.D., executive secretary of the Board of Social Missions, presided. On the basis of the findings of this and similar meetings throughout the ULCA, the Board of Social Missions hopes to build a program of evangelism which will challenge the membership of the ULCA to greater and continuing efforts.

The survey on evangelism made in our synod revealed that those congregations which followed some program of evangelism consistently,

showed the most progress. We remember that evangelism was the method used by Christ and his apostles to win souls to God's Kingdom; is our stewardship in this matter acceptable in God's sight?

Respectfully submitted,
Max H. Geissler, chairman

Inter-Synodical Social Welfare

The purpose of this committee composed of members of the synods of the National Lutheran Council, is to study the need for (a) Lutheran Child Welfare in Kansas, and (b) Institutional Chaplaincy.

Since the committee did not meet during the year, there is no report on findings at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Max H. Geissler

Midland College Trustees Report to the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States

This has been a significant year in the history of Midland College. The magnificent way the supporting synods responded to our needs has given rise to a new optimism which characterizes every department of the College. At the beginning of this report we want to express our gratitude to the officers and members of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, together with their representatives on the Midland Board of Trustees, for their support and continued interest in the work of the College.

The primary purpose of Midland College is to provide for the intellectual, spiritual, social and physical development of its students in accordance with recognized principles and practices of higher education, and in conformity with the religious and moral principles of Chrisitanity as held by the Lutheran Church.

Midland College accordingly promotes the growth of its students within a wholesome, Christian environment. Through a well organized and effectively administered program and under the responsible guidance of a Christian faculty, the College program assists students in cultivating their interests in the arts and sciences and in preparing themselves for their future vocations as well as for the active service in the Church, community and the larger spheres of human society.

To meet the various needs of students for guidance and training in general and specialized fields of learning, the Midland faculty directs its energies toward good teaching and a vital counseling program.

Early in the year the faculty participated in an all-day off campus Workshop, stressing the importance of a counseling system, working out for each student a program adapted to his interests and needs, to keep at a minimum the failures due to inability to get along in college. Results of their work are reflected in the progress the students are making and the decreasing rate of mortality due to academic failure.

The curriculum of the College is also receiving serious study in order to keep the program of study in harmony with the need and the demands of students.

Campus Morale

Campus morale has been good during the year. There have been many encouraging indications of a deepening religious attitude on the part of the Midland College student body. In this regard it is to be noted that the Student Council this year requested the administration to set aside a period of ten minutes every morning from 7:35 to 7:45 for prayer and meditation. This renewed spiritual impact has made the campus a much finer place on which to live during the course of this past year. This along with the Religious Emphasis Program and the daily chapel services all become a part of the development of the student during his campus years, so that upon becoming an alumnus he will have a greater desire for Christian service along with the basic essentials of his profession.

New Library Building

Of vital importance to the academic quality of any college is the library, and Midland College is extremely grateful to the United Lutheran Church in America for the Christian Higher Education Appeal. No mention of improvements can be made without emphasizing the magnificent contribution CHEY has made to Midland College. This churchwide effort while dramatizing in fund raising action the interest of the church in higher education in general, will give untold benefit to the succeeding generations of Midlanders. As a part of the program of the Christian Higher Education Appeal, Midland College has been privileged to construct a $185,000 library building. This building will contain a reading and stack room sufficiently large to accommodate 60,000 volumes and 105 students; a periodical room, meeting and audio-visual room, office and workrooms for the librarian and her assistants.

Midland Auxiliaries

For some time there has been an organization known as Midland Women, whose membership is open to all women of the church interested in the College. Their annual dues of one dollar have been devoted entirely to the causes of the College, principally the maintenance of good living in the girls' dormitories.

The newest auxiliary of the College is an organization known as The Men of Midland. Its objectives are (1) To organize a body of men of Christian character and unite its members into the closest bonds of Christian fellowship; (2) To encourage active participation in all things relating to Midland College; (3) To aid and assist in every way possible the promotion of Christian higher education at Midland College; (4) To encourage and secure financial contributions for the support and betterment of Midland College; (5) To promote the cause of Midland College within the Church and among the public. The goal is 2,500 members. The dues for an active member is that sum which each member desires to contribute, the minimum being $10.00 annually.

There are already a large number of men, including some from the Kansas Synod, who have expressed an interest in this auxiliary through their membership. The officers of the Men of Midland would appreciate memberships from every congregation and pastor within the Synod.

Winning Students

A very special way of winning students for Midland and assisting them with their education is the establishment of a scholarship. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kloepper of Lawrence, Kansas, established a $200 scholarship; Miss Alta Schafersman, Fremont, Nebraska, a $300 scholarship; Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cooke, Omaha, Nebraska, a $300 scholarship and the Nebraska Synodical Brotherhood a $150 scholarship. In addition, various churches and groups within the church have established scholarships for any student from that congregation attending Midland. This is an excellent way of encouraging students from your congregation to attend Midland—create a scholarship fund.

Deficits and a Way to Overcome Them

According to Dr. Benjamin Fine, the educational editor of the *New York Times*, who completed a study of 810 colleges and universities, including our own, about half of all the independent institutions of higher education in the United States are experiencing financial difficulty and are unable to balance their budgets. As one of the schools with an operational deficit, Midland finds itself in the position where several things must be given prayerful consideration. One of the ways in which the College can be greatly assisted is to have the wholehearted co-operation of pastors in recommending to their young people, their college—Midland College—as the church college from which they can procure a splendid liberal arts education. A second way of assisting the College, of course, is through the payment of a minimum of 100 per cent of our apportionment goal, for by so doing the College is assured of the amount the synods have pledged to her institution. It behooves all of us who are interested in the future of Christian higher education, and especially in the plight of smaller independent colleges, to see to it that the financial picture of the College is assured. A real crusading constituency could quickly mold public opinion in a way which would clear us of all financial embarrassment and assure a significant and vital educational program. Christian higher education is not just another program of learning. A feeble effort will discredit our institution and disgrace its supporters. Acceptance of a challenge will make possible the realization of one of humanity's fondest hopes.

It is a truism that in the past year ending May 31, 1953, the net operating deficit for that year was $21,640.76. There are certain factors which have brought about this particular deficit. First of all the budget was based upon a student body of 350 students. This, unfortunately, did not materialize. The second contributing factor was the refurnishing and refurbishing of Beegle Hall, inasmuch as approximately $20,000 was allocated from current funds, the balance of the expense being contributed by special givers. A third contributing factor is the con-

stantly rising costs. For example, this past year it cost $729.07 for the education of each student at Midland College. This is only an increase of approximately $200 over a five-year period. At the same time students attending Midland College pay only 53.5 per cent of the actual cost of an education. The rest of it comes from church grants, gifts and endowment. These figures may indicate a rather high expenditure per student, yet in light of the cost of education at a tax supported school in the state of Nebraska it is only half as much. As a further comparison, the instructional expense at Midland is lower than the average for the Protestant colleges of America. This is due to the low salary schedule. There are only three ways of overcoming this obstacle and that is having more freshmen, more friends, more funds. Your aid and assistance in these matters will be sincerely appreciated by the members of the Board of Trustees of Midland College.

Tomorrow's Responsibilities

Midland, like other private colleges, is faced with rising costs and lower income. Incomes from endowment have not risen as have costs. Today more than ever an independent college must unceasingly seek additions to its endowment. A good principle is that the endowment should be at least equal to the value of the plant. For Midland this would mean an endowment of a minimum of one million dollars, which at the rate of return earned last year, would be more than enough to meet the deficit of last year. Tuition income and monies received from the operation of auxiliary enterprises cannot be expected to carry on a good college. The standards and equipment, faculty and services demanded of an accredited college today preclude any possibility of operating successfully without substantial gifts in endowment income. Outside help must be obtained in the case of colleges like Midland. The federal and state governments cannot give any direct help. We must seek our help among our constituencies.

A financial statement showing in detail the financial condition of the College as of May 31, 1953, will be found below.

With sincere gratitude to our God and His children for our many blessings enjoyed here at Midland College, we are

Gratefully yours,

Paul W. Dieckman
President, Midland College

Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 1953

INCOME		
Educational and General	$127,721.98	
Endowment Investment	22,931.22	
Gifts and Grants	106,371.28	
Other Income	3,626.17	
Auxiliary Enterprises	147,156.69	
Total Receipts		$407,807.34

EXPENSE		
Educational and General	$263,208.31	
Auxiliary Enterprises	150,704.21	
Other Non-Educational Expense	17,356.19	
Total Expenses		$431,268.71
Cash Operating Loss	$ 23,461.37	
Increase in Inventories	— 1,820.61	
Net Operating Loss		$ 21,640.76

Respectfully submitted,
Ernest L. Tonsing, Trustee

NOTE: A complete audit of the Report of the Treasurer of Midland College is available in the office of the Secretary.

Report of the Trustees of Central Seminary

The seminary is enjoying another successful year. Forty-three students were enrolled the first semester, of whom four were interning in parishes. Two completed their studies at mid-term and will be graduated with the spring class. The second semester enrollment is thirty-nine. Two members of the student body are members of this Synod, John Nelson of Salina, and Stanley Rogge of Washington.

The board is still seeking a qualified professor to assist in the practical department and to emphasize the rural parish and its place in the total training of ministers for this area. As a temporary measure, this phase of training was accomplished with the assistance of Dr. Adolph Lentz during the first semester and with the assistance of Pastor Samuel Jensen during the second semester. In all other respects the faculty and its work distribution is the same as was reported last year.

The financial condition of the institution is accurately reflected in the treasurer's report which accompanies this report. It is expected that a supplementary report will be available in mimeographed form at Synod. This report will bring the financial condition more nearly up to date. The supplementary report will show that the debt reduction program, headed by Mr. Austin Sanborn, the lay trustee representing this Synod, is bearing fruit.

Respectfully submitted,
H. Vance Baird

Report of the Treasurer

Auditor's Statement

"We have examined the books of Central Lutheran Theological Seminary, H. W. Hendriksen, Treasurer, using the following procedures . . . . . We believe that the following report presents fairly the

position of Central Lutheran Theological Seminary at June 30th, 1953, and the results of its operations for the periods then ended.

Signature
Witthoff and McIntosh,
CPA and Municipal Accountants

Current Fund

BALANCE PER BOOKS JUNE 30, 1953		$ 1,005.21
Receipts:		
Students (Rentals and Fees)	$2,319.36	
Endowments (Interest)	1,314.67	
Iowa Synod	4,755.00	
Kansas Synod	3,101.59	
Midwest Synod	5,200.00	
Nebraska Synod	7,572.00	
Rocky Mountain Synod	3,559.97	
Texas Synod	1,000.00	
California Synod	1,000.00	
Board of Education ULCA	5,200.00	
Individuals and Groups	3,424.19	
Travel Refunds (Dr. Keisler)	1,310.30	
Loan from Special Funds	2,000.00	
Transfer from Bldg. Fund (Dedication)	1,505.15	43,262.23
		$44,267.44
Disbursements:		
Administration	$ 2,169.12	
Promotion	3,204.64	
Travel	4,877.54	
Instruction	22,360.92	
Library	3,836.62	
Operation and Maintenance	7,812.77	44,261.61
BALANCE PER BOOKS, JUNE 30, 1953		$ 5.83

Special Funds

(For period July 1, 1951 through June 30, 1953)

BALANCE PER BOOKS, JUNE 30, 1951		$ 9,021.25
Receipts:		
Sale of U. S. Treasury Notes	$25,333.85	
C.H.E.Y. Appeal Funds	6,709.21	
Payments on Note (Midland)	24,615.48	
Transfer from Building Fund	47,679.52	
Annuity (Sophia Zimmerman)	1,000.00	
Library Book Fund	770.76	
Dividends (Building and Loan)	179.63	
Wagner Scholarship	400.00	

Contributions—Dr. Rangeler Memorial	186.00	
Organ Fund	14.00	
Flora Memorial	50.00	
Ferguson Memorial	15.00	
Dysinger Memorial	100.00	
Burkhart Memorial	40.50	109,265.42
		$118,286.67

Disbursements:

Transfers to Building Fund		
C.H.E.Y.	$ 2,146.60	
Niebaum	25,333.85	
Loan to Building Fund	24,615.52	
Loan to Current Fund	2,000.00	
Remodelling costs	16,284.36	
Interest on Annuities	919.23	
Interest on Special Funds	3,186.73	
Note Payments (Aid Assn. for L.)	8,555.25	
Scholarships	550.00	
Tractor, Mower & Snowplow	929.00	84,520.54
BALANCE PER BOOKS JUNE 30, 1953		$33,766.13

Building Fund

(For the period July 1, 1951 through June 30, 1953)

BALANCE PER BOOKS JUNE 30, 1951		360.92
Receipts:		
Loan from C.H.E.Y (Temporary)	$60,000.00	
Loan from Special Funds	24,615.52	
Loan from Current Funds	500.00	
Loan from Banks (Temporary)	75,000.00	
Loan (Aid Assn. for Lutherans)	75,000.00	
Gifts from Individuals and groups	66,816.53	
Designated gifts, Miscellaneous	9,394.34	
Designated gift, Chapel Fund	4,136.17	
C.H.E.Y. Appeal Funds	89,936.50	405,399.06
		$405.759.98

Disbursements:

Building costs—Union Construction	$179,114.26	
Newmans Electric	6,783.00	
Connor Plumbing	9,167.50	
Homer Turner, Architect	4,449.55	
Grading, Landscaping, etc.	2,800.76	
Cost of furnishings	9,754.43	
Other costs	6,797.98	
Interest, financing expense	2,212.98	
Repayment of loans—C.H.E.Y	60,000.00	
Banks	75,000.00	

Current Fund		2,000.00	
Transfer to Special Account (Remodelling)		12,708.44	
Transfer to Special Account (Debt retirement Fund)		34,971.08	405,759.98
BALANCE PER BOOKS JUNE 30, 1953			(0)
Account Closed.			

Consolidated Balance Sheet—June 30, 1953

ASSETS

	Current	Special	Consolidated Balance
Petty Cash Fund	$ 25.00	$ —	$ 25.00
Cash in Bank	5.83	33,766.13	33,771.96
Note Receivable (Midland)		16,923.84	16,923.84
Note Receivable (Building)		24,615.52	24,615.52
Note Receivable (Current)		2,000.00	2,000.00
Building and Loan Stock		3,200.00	3,200.00
Furniture and Fixtures		9,754.43	9,754.43
Land and Buildings		266,558.23	266,558.23
Utility Deposits	55.00		55.00
	$ 85.83	$356,818.15	$356,903.98

LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES

Liabilities:			
Note Payable—Special fund	$2,000.00	$	$ 2,000.00
Aid Assn. for Lutherans		69,434.93	69,434.93
Due from Building Fund		24,615.52	24,615.52
Building Debt Fund		20,142.94	20,142.94
Interest to be distributed		646.18	646.18
Special Funds		54,181.95	54,181.95
Equities:			
Current Equity (Deficit)	(1,914.17)		(1,914.17)
Equity in Land and Buildings		187,796.63	187,796.63
	$ 85.83	$356,818.15	$356,903.98

Report of Tabitha Home Trustees

FOR THE YEAR 1953

Tabitha Home is most grateful for God's kindness and love so graciously bestowed upon the work of mercy in the program of care for the Children and the Aged. Through His guidance, congregations, organizations and individuals have been moved to generously support this work. The cash gifts, bequests, synodical apportionments, gifts of food, clothing, sundries and furnishings from congregations have aided so much in bringing our budget into balance. May God richly bless those who have served so faithfully.

We have made contacts with many congregations in the supporting synods in the past year. The warm welcome given us in every field reveals the love our people have for Christ's works of mercy.

The Aged Department

During the year 1953 Tabitha cared for a total of 96 guests. At the beginning of the year our number was 82, (52 women and 30 men). During the year 14 new guests were received, (5 men and 9 women). During the year 13 passed on to their eternal reward and 2 were entered into private nursing homes. Of these, 12 were women and 3 men. Of our total cared for, 71 were Lutherans.

At the close of 1953 our number was 50 women and 31 men, or a total of 81. Of this number, 7 were under 65 years of age and 75 were over 65 years. Fourteen of them were Old Age Assistance recipients. There were 30,234 days care given our aged folks.

Activities in this department have meant a great deal to the residents. The daily Chapel service brings spiritual help. The television, movies, travel lectures, musical programs and parties have helped to fill the many long hours our folks have to use. The Missionary Society and the Tabitha Guild have provided much interest. These groups have contributed $150.00 to various church and community needs during the past year.

A number of our aged family have been hospitalized and many have been ill at the Home, but with good care and loving ministry many have been brought back to good health.

The Children's Department

In our Children's Department we cared for a total of 44 children, representing 23 families. At the beginning of 1953, there were 24 children in our homes, 12 boys and 12 girls. We were also keeping touch with the 3 children who had been in private homes for some ten years. These three were dropped during the year at the suggestion of the State Supervisor, since these young folks had been away many years and were getting along nicely in their present home situations.

Throughout the year, 17 children (6 girls and 11 boys) were received, and 12 were dismissed to return to their parents or relatives, (5 girls, and 7 boys). Three of these children were adopted by relatives through the agency which placed them with us. This total number dismissed does not include the six children who have been placed into adoptive, and their own parents' homes, and with whom we are keeping in contact.

In June of 1953 we secured custody of a family of three children, ages 9, 11, and 15, who had been with us almost five years. We are happy that these children have all been placed into prospective homes prior to the Christmas Season. The two younger ones are in a home together. Another of our older girls, who had also been with us many years, went into a fine prospective adoptive home and is doing nicely. The two youngest of our Mexican family, ages 12 and 13, were returned to their father's home. (He holds custody of his children). All of these placements were made in co-operation with our Lutheran Placing

Agency, and with the approval of the State Child Welfare Dept.

At the close of 1953, we have 26 children in our two homes (11 girls, ages 2 to 9; and 15 boys, ages 3½ to 18½ years) and representing 13 families. Of the total number of children served, 35 were either Lutheran or of Lutheran background. The total number of days care was 10,982.

Our children in prospective permanent homes are being visited at various intervals, and we also keep in close contact with them and the families by mail.

During the summer months all of our children were out into vacation homes at one time or another. This also included the older boys who had jobs. Our oldest boy was priviledged to attend the National Luther League Convention. Seven of our children within the proper age range took swimming lessons at the Y.M., and Y.W.C.A. pools early in June. As in previous years, the children have taken an active part in church, school and community activities. Some of these youngsters appeared on T.V., through Civic programs, Midget Boxing, Community Chest and Choir appearances.

Regular casework services have been given to all of our children and have extended to the more than 115 listed inquiries regarding children and family problems. Many of our requests this year were for care of very young infants, and for day-care, in many cases. Other inquiries came regarding problems of teen-agers, and adoption of infants. These were directed to other agencies which might be equipped to meet these various needs.

Work has begun in the Children's buildings to make them more attractive in appearance and more adequate to meet the needs of the children. New and colorful plastic dishes have been placed in the children's dining rooms.

The usual children's illnesses have found their way into our midst, but all of our family are well at this writing. Regular dental and medical care as needed has been provided for our boys and girls.

Various church, civic and student groups have sponsored fine programs, fellowship and activities for our children through the year.

Property Improvements

Steps have been taken to get all property in good repair. A gas fired boiler was installed in the Girl's Home, store rooms in the Home for Aged were completed, extensive repairs to damaged foundations on Girls' Building and Boiler House. Exterior of Boys' Home has been painted and work started on the Girls' Home. Water Pressure Booster was installed in the Home for Aged. Continued progress is being made on the landscaping of our grounds.

Our Staff

We have been adequately staffed during the past year. We feel the need of establishing some kind of a training program for workers who come into our homes. We have need of a trained worker who could be a counselor with our aged people. We may soon have to

employ a Registered Nurse to have supervision of the entire health program in the Home.

The Staff is looking forward to living in a Home of their own. The prospect of a bequest of $100,000.00 from the estate of Miss Emma Collins gives hope that this building may be a reality very soon.

The Tabitha Farm

Our farm has had a successful year in spite of the drought. We are building up our dairy herd so that we should have a profitable operation and income at regular intervals throughout the year.

A report of finances is in the Auditor's Report.

Finances

We present a brief summary of the Current Operating Fund. Detailed reports are to be found in the Complete Audit which is in the office of the Synodical Secretary.

Income Receipts:		
Operations	$53,816.61	
Income from Investments	750.65	
Apportionments	17,147.25	
Voluntary Contributions	35,897.00	
Miscellaneous	502.03	
Community Chest	6,000.00	$114,113.54
Operating Expense:		
Administrative	$56,862.83	
Plant Operations	16,818.18	
Service and Relief	17,413.68	$91,094.69
Excess of Income Receipts over Operating Expense		$23,018.85

$20,000.00 of the Excess Income was placed in Reserve and Depreciation Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Calvin J. Naugle

Report of the Lutheran Youth Camps Committee

The Junior Camp, July 5-10, was directed by Miss Gyneth Giffen, assisted by Mrs. Robert Tonsing. Sixty-nine campers from 14 congregations and 11 staff members were present. Your chairman took over the direction of the Intermediate Senior Camp, August 23-28, after Pastor Richard Scherch relinquished the directorship because of his removal from the bounds of Synod. Attendance at the latter camp showed 41 Intermediates and 21 Seniors representing 19 congregations and a staff of 21 full and part-time members. Miss Gyneth Giffen, besides her direction of the Junior Camp attended Camp Nawaka on a scholarship provided by the Board of Parish Education, served as a staff member of the Intermediate Senior Camp and presided over the

business of the Luther League Convention as the Synodical President. The leadership and generous contribution of time and talents by Miss Giffen deserve the special recognition and commendation of Synod.

Besides leadership provided by the pastors and lay people of Synod at the Interemdiate-Senior Camp, Prof. G. Gieschen, Central Lutheran Theological Seminary conducted an interesting course of Bible Study; Mr. Mike Schon, Vice-President of the Luther League of America, led the fellowship singing and served as an instructor and counselor; Allen Roget and William Moniot of California, served as part-time staff, as did Prof. James S. Vail, Midland College.

Your chairman is most grateful to all the leaders who served this past summer and whose faithful services contributed so much to make the camping sessions a vital spiritual experience for our young people. A word of commendation is also due our Camp Wa-Shun-Ga Committee and the Camp Wa-Shun-Ga staff for their co-operation and assistance.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts:		
Balance on Hand, January 5, 1953	33.35	
Campers' Fees	1,715.49	
Sale Craft Supplies	18.72	
Wa-Shun-Ga Subsidy	400.00	
Synod Subsidy	100.00	
Total		$2,267.56
Disbursements:		
Camp Wa-Shun-Ga	$1,636.50	
Sales Tax @ .02	33.66	
Recreation Supplies	2.90	
Medical Supplies	8.63	
Miscellaneous Supplies	38.92	
Films	13.60	
Committee Expense	332.53	
(Itemized in Treas. of Synod Report)		
Total		$2,066.74
Balance on Hand, September 28, 1953		$ 200.82

Respectfully submitted,
Aksel C. Larsen, chairman

Report of the Camp Program Committee

This committee succeeds the former Youth Camp Committee which was discontinued by the Executive Committee of Synod on September 28, 1953. The policy guiding this committee, it is understood, is to strengthen the whole camp program of Synod by co-ordinated and integrating existing programs and planning, development, and sponsoring additional camp sessions as the need arises. The committee understands that it is its responsibility to have unified supervision,

direction, and control over all of our own Synodical groups using Camp Wa-Shun-Ga for their programs. It is to be a clearinghouse for camp programming, use of personnel, publicity, and records.

Your committee met in Wichita on November 2, 1953, to organize and establish procedures. The aim or objective of our camp programs was outlined as follows:

> "The aims of Camp Wa-Shun-Ga are to provide, within the camp community, opportunities for personal and group experiences in Christian living, through worship, study, fellowship, and play, growth in the Christian life, and commitment to Jesus Christ and for the development of the skills of the Christian vocation."

Camp rules were prepared by a subcommittee chairmaned by Pastor William Most. A subcommittee headed by Pastor George Search is devising a new camp fellowship to be known as the "Wittenberg Oak Fellowship" to succeed the former "Jack Rabbit Club."

The schedule of camp sessions, directors, and registrars for 1954 are:

JUNIOR CAMP—July 4-9—
Rev. Franklin Shirck, Greenleaf, Director
Mrs. Franklin Shirck, Greenleaf, Registrar

FAMILY CAMP—July 9-11—
Mrs. Robert Tonsing, Director and Registrar
1657 Arkansas Avenue, Wichita

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH CAMP—August 22-27—
Rev. Wayne Barthel, Director, Chapman
Miss Myra Glassel, Registrar, Valley Falls

LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION—August 27-29—
Rev. Sherman Frederick, Director, 206 W. 7th St., Emporia
Shirley Schiever, Registrar, c/o North Hall, Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Received from Charles Stark, Treasurer of Synod 9-28-53		$ 277.25
Disbursements:		
Bank Charge	$ 2.00	
Committee Meeting Expense	135.04	137.04
		$ 140.21
Less outstanding check		11.20
Balance on hand 1-1-54		$129.01

Respectfully submitted,
Aksel C. Larsen, chairman

Report of the Camp Property Committee, 1954

Seven groups besides our Kansas Synod leased Wa-Shun-Ga facilities during 1953, and conducted eight camps. We operated a total of 62 days either fully or part time, serving a total of 18,630 meals to regular enrolled campers in addition to extra meals and meals served our Synodical Brotherhood, the Family Camp and the Luther League at its convention. A much fuller schedule has been contracted for the coming season, time having been arranged with nine groups besides our Kansas Synod groups. We expect to have regular campers on the grounds during 85 days either fully or for part time. One group which left us in 1953 will return this summer, and two groups which have had one camp each will hold two camps in 1954. We have a few week-end dates open, but no week-long periods are left open.

The committee took advantage of several open weeks last summer and improved the camp site. Dead trees were cut and living trees were trimmed; cabins were re-roofed and re-painted; bunks were replaced in all cabins; dividers were placed between seats in the women's toilets; a merry-go-round was installed and play areas were further improved; a new main line was laid from the pump house to Friendship Lodge; and Friendship Lodge was made winter-proof with the intention of having someone live there through the winter.

A potato peeler was purchased, making it possible for the camp to operate with one less boy on the staff. We also found it necessary to purchase a new motor for the camp pick-up in addition to the usual expense of operation.

This summer all pastors of the Kansas Synod and their families are invited to attend either part time or full time the Synodical Camps, July 4-9 and August 22-27 as guests of the Camp Property Committee, excepting that where a child of the family is enrolled as a regular camper, the regular fee will be charged. The camp store will enlarge its stock of camp-craft materials and will purchase craft tools which will be loaned to groups leasing our facilities. Picture post cards will be available, and the camp store will stock such items as stationery, camp caps and sweaters and other sundries.

We plan to continue the policy of giving a subsidy of $20.00 per day to Kansas Synod groups, and Junior Camp (July 4-9) fees will be discounted two dollars in accord with Synodical action.

Camp fees for 1954 are continued at $2.20 per day for regular campers, with special rates applying for the Brotherhood, Family camp and for children under the regular camper age. Insurance will be required of all campers whether they attend full time or only for a day or two.

Mr. Charles Stuart, Clay Center, Kansas, will return as manager of Wa-Shun-Ga in 1954.

Respectfully submitted,
George L. Search, chairman

Report of the Merger Committee 1954

A meeting of the Merger Committees of the Kansas, Nebraska and Midwest Synods was called by Dr. Franklin C. Fry, for the 25th of March, 1954, at Omaha, Nebraska, to consider questions of importance before the three Synods held their conventions. The five main questions on the agenda were:

1. Financial arrangements for the remainder of 1954;
2. Budget making for 1955;
3. Delegation to the 1954 ULCA Convention;
4. Status of Auxiliaries;
5. Arrangements for merging convention.

No meetings were held following the spring of 1953; and this is the first called meeting of the joint committee in 1954. Additional report will be made at the Convention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Willard W. Alexander

RESOLUTIONS OF MERGER

The undersigned move the adoption of the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States accept and adopt and does hereby accept and adopt the Constitution and Bylaws of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, as and for the Constitution and Bylaws of this Synod, effective when an identical Constitution and Bylaws are accepted and adopted by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Midwest, and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, excepting, however, the provisions of Article II of said Constitution and Section 1 of said Bylaws with reference to the date of the annual convention and the business sessions thereof, and Article III of said Constitution with reference to the beginning of the terms of office of the President, Secretary and Treasurer, insofar only as the same may be applicable to the first convention of said Synod to begin on June 8, 1954, in Kansas City, Missouri, the election of officers thereat and the transaction of any and all business which may come before the convention, this Synod hereby waiving any and all notice and consenting that the first convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States shall begin on June 8, 1954, at the place aforesaid, and that the terms of office of the President, Secretary and Treasurer elected thereat shall become effective immediately upon election and continue thereafter until their successors have been elected, and shall enter upon the duties of their offices as in said Articles and Sections provided, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, contingent upon identical action by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Midwest and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States merge and consolidate and it hereby does merge and consolidate all its powers, rights and property and all liabilities existing against it into The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, and that this corporation relinquish its

corporate name and assume in place thereof, the name of the corporation with which it is hereby merging, to-wit: The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the election of officers and committees of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, the officers and committees of this Synod, individually or severally, as the case may require, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to transfer and deliver to the proper officers and committees of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, all moneys, trust funds, letters, papers, agreements, title papers, records, documents and all real and personal property of any kind and nature belonging to and in the possession of this Synod and in which this Synod may have an equitable or legal interest, together with a complete record of all existing obligations and liabilities incurred by this Synod, with any and all supporting documents appertaining thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of this corporation be, and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make, execute and deliver under the seal of this Synod, all deeds, assignments, transfers and other written instruments necessary for the transfer of its real and personal property to The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, and to take such legal action as will be necessary and required by law to fully consummate and effect the merger and consolidation with The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, and wind up the affairs of this Synod.

Report of the Committee on Constitution

The Committee on Constitution has had no activity during the past year.

The Committee respectfully calls the attention of the Synod to two pending amendments to the Constitution:

(1) Minutes of 1953, page 14, "That the said Constitution . . . (The Proposed Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States.) becomes by amendment by substitution, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States." and,

(2) Minutes of 1953, page 15,
   a. "That Article Three, Section 1, paragraph 2, be amended to read, 'The term of the President shall be five years and that of other officers one year, or until their successors have been elected. They shall be eligible to re-election.'" and,
   b. "That Article Five, Section 1, be amended by adding a paragraph, numbered Five: 'It shall determine the salary of the President and of any other full-time officers when not otherwise determined, and it shall make budgetary provision to meet the necessary expenses.'"

It is the recollection of the Committee, although the Minutes have not recorded the fact, that the Amendments proposed in Section 2, a, and b,

were to be considered only in the event that the amendment proposed in Section 1 failed to carry in this or in another of the Synods affected.

Respectfully,
Rev. H. Vance Baird

Report of the Lutheran World Relief Committee

During 1953 this committee worked in conjunction with representatives of other Lutheran bodies in the All Lutheran Food Appeal, with the guidance of officers of L. W. R. (B. A. Confer and J. A. Scherzer) and Board of World Relief (O. C. Decker). At the first meeting, in Topeka, these officers were elected: Chairman—Pastor Fred E. Duever, Topeka; Secretary—Pastor Dean E. Lundquist; and Treasurer—your chairman.

A meeting for general planning and consultation with the LWR and BWR officers was held in Hutchinson in June. Chairmen, including Pastors George Search and Franklin Shirck of our Synod, were appointed for each of thirteen districts in the state. These men were invited to an August meeting in Salina, at which time the plans for the November drive were outlined. While we have no detailed information on each of the districts, there was evidence of faithful and effective work on the part of many pastors and laymen, in addition to the chairmen, across the state.

We would express our appreciation to them, and to the editor of the "Kansas Synod Lutheran" for articles published for information and to encourage our pastors and laymen to participate in this tangible witness to the Gospel of Saving Grace.

Despite the drouth and hail storms we can report that there was one carload of wheat sent from Goodland (received chiefly from the surrounding districts) and further gifts amounting to $1,376.01.

Tentative plans are for a continuation of this work among all Lutherans for 1954. Your committee urgently requests that this be made known immediately to all congregations in order that their contributions may not be dissipated in other appeals but directed into Lutheran channels.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne B. Barthel, chairman

Report of the Eastern Conference

The Eastern Conference was held the afternoon and evening of Sunday, October 18, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lawrence, Kansas. The Rev. Don Zinger, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo., was in charge of the opening devotions.

The Eastern Conference Brotherhood, Women's Missionary, and Luther League held afternoon meetings and elected officers. A short business meeting was held for the pastors of the conference.

Following a fellowship supper, served by the ladies of the host con-

gregation, an evening service was held. The Rev. Richard Albert was the liturgist. The Rev. E. B. Keisler, D.D., president of Central Seminary, Fremont, Nebraska, brought the evening message. Well over two hundred attended the afternoon and evening meetings.

Several vacancies occurred in the conference and a number of vacancies were filled during the year. These are being reported in the Report of the Synod President. The conference president attended all executive committee meetings of the Synod held during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. Most

Report of the Western Conference

The Women's Missionary Society of the Western Conference met at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at Washington, Kansas, on October 14, 1953. The special speakers were Mrs. Ernest Tonsing and Mrs. George Anderson.

The Western Conference pastors and laymen met at Scherer Memorial Lutheran Church, Chapman, Kansas, on November 1, 1953. Professor Richard R. Syre, Central Seminary, was the special speaker for the occasion.

The President of Conference assisted with the Stewardship meeting at Salina, in October. Mr. Zeb Trexler was present and spoke at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Martin C. Ashley, president

Report of the Southern Conference

Election of officers at the annual Synodical Convention in Zion Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, resulted in the following taking office: Pastor Olney Eaton, president; Pastor Max Geissler, secretary; and Paul Buskirk, treasurer. Pastor Larsen was appointed to succeed Pastor Olney Eaton when the latter removed from the bounds of Synod. Pastor Larsen was duly elected at the meeting of the Conference on November 3, 1953.

The annual fall meeting of the Southern Conference was held in St. Paul's Church, Wichita, the Rev. T. Benton Peery, D.D., Pastor, on November 2 and 3. The conference began with a joint vesper service with the Women's Missionary Society. Ch. (Maj.) Alexander D. Bruce, Sr., Wing Chaplain, Wichita Air Base, gave an illustrated lecture on Korea. A social hour followed the service presided over by the women of St. Paul's congregation.

The Tuesday session began with a joint service of Holy Communion. Liturgists were the host pastor and the secretary of Conference. The sermon was delivered by the president of the conference. Papers and discussions followed: "Industrial Relations and the Church," by Pastor

Max Geissler, "The New Children's Work Program of the Board of Parish Education," presided over by Pastor Aksel Larsen, and a panel discussion on "Pastor's Exchange," "Synod Merger," and "Pastoral Problems," led by Pastors Arthur Angersbach, H. G. Ritzen, and Sherman Frederick.

Three new pastors were received into the fellowship of the Conference during the year: Pastors Arthur Miller, Wellington; Sherman Frederick, Emporia; and Eugene Smith, Reformation, Wichita. One interne, Mr. Eugene Kreider, Chicago Lutheran Seminary is serving the St. Paul's congregation, Wichita, this year. The resignation of Dr. Peery, from St. Paul's Church, Wichita, effective June 1, 1954, is noted with regret.

The Conference president met with the Reformation congregation, Wichita, to conduct the meeting at which the congregation voted to call Pastor Eugene Smith.

Respectfully submitted,
Aksel C. Larsen, president

Report of Editor of the Kansas Synod Lutheran

Your Synodical paper has been published eleven times during the year (monthly except August). The editor has solicited news from pastors by post card. He feels that churches could make more use of the publicity available through this medium. Pastors should send in additions and changes of address regularly, in order to keep the lists correct. Thanks is hereby expressed to all who assisted in publishing an informative periodical.

Respectfully submitted,
Ernest F. Tonsing

Publications

Synodical Plan "The Lutheran"

Your committee on publications reports the following summary of subscriptions for "The Lutheran" in our Synod. Thirty congregations have responded with a total of 1,342 subscriptions. This represents an increase of approximately 22.4 per cent. Eight congregations number 100 per cent subscribers, with four in the Southern Conference, compared with three in this category last year. Kansas Synod was 13th among Synods of the church in potential achieved with 53.3 per cent. In addition there are individual subscribers and some congregations receiving a club rate in group lots. Circulation of "The Lutheran" now is 150,000 copies weekly.

Our hearty thanks to Pastors Arthur Angersbach, Harvey H. Bernhardt and David M. Funk, for their willing and helpful assistance in their respective conferences. Each year the Kansas Synod has thus shown an increase over the previous year.

Respectfully submitted,
T. Benton Peery, chairman

Report of the Women's Missionary Society

The Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States appreciates the opportunity given to us by the Synod to meet and share with them their inspirational sessions.

As we meet for our 74th Annual Convention we are thankful to God for His guidance through the past year. Our theme for this year has been "That Thy Way May Be Known Through Education."

We wish to report a total synodical membership of 1,656 women. This is a gain of 138 members during this past year. We are humbly aware that we are reaching only about one-third of the women of our Synod. The largest per cent of our members are homemakers and 80 per cent of them are over 35 years of age. It is obvious that there is much more to be done among business and professional women and among younger women.

It is difficult to measure our growth in knowledge or to indicate the impact of our educational programs. We are happy to report gains in stewardship as reflected in the total receipts for the year of $16,551.25, a new all-time high in giving.

Detailed reports of the work of each officer and department appear in the pre-convention bulletin and will be published in the annual minutes.

We take this opportunity to thank the officers of Synod and the pastors of our churches as well as the women working in the missionary society for their excellent co-operation this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. George L. Anderson

Report of the Luther League

The Luther League has successfully carried out its program of strengthening Christ's kingdom in both of its phases; acquiring new members and strengthening the faith and increasing the zeal of the present members. A new League has been formed at Ft. Smith, Ark., where the interest and enthusiasm shown by their president Robert Sangster has made it immediately into a living, growing organization.

This past summer, August 28-30, the Luther League held its annual convention at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga. The regular annual elections were held and the following officers were elected:

President—Paul J. Emmerich, c/o Men's Memorial Hall, Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska
Vice-President—Ronald Darge, c/o Men's Memorial Hall, Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska
Secretary—Ray Peters, 29 S. College, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Treasurer—Arnold Tiemeyer, R.F.D. No. 2, Tarkio, Missouri
"Jack Rabbit" Editor—Ann Johnson, 1405 Burnett Rd., Topeka, Kan.

The official registration figures show that there were eighty-nine Leaguers and sponsors present. This slight decrease, however, need not,

and indeed should not, be taken as an indication of flagging zeal on the part of the synodical Luther League as a whole. The more than normal amount of diverse outside interests can probably be stated as the main cause of this decrease. The other actions of the Luther League point out the fact that the enthusiasm of the League is not waning. The fall conference rallies were an example of this.

The Eastern Conference Luther League held a very successful rally in conjunction with the other organizations of the Eastern Conference on October 18, at Lawrence. The attendance was the largest of recent years and the program was a great success.

The Southern Conference held its fall rally at Wichita where the response was tremendous. The program was highlighted by the interesting and informative workshops and an address by the Reverend Everett Norling of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Wichita.

In January, Topeka was host to the annual President's Training Conference, 107 Leaguers and sponsors representing eighteen Leagues attended.

During these first nine months of their terms of office the members of the executive committee have held three meetings. These meetings at Wichita, Topeka, and Emporia have brought together the executive committee to carry out the administrative work of the synodical Luther League. Guided by Rev. Sherman Frederick, the Executive Director of Youth Work, they have planned the program and other matters of the Luther League.

Throughout the remainder of the calendar year two major functions will occupy the interest of the Luther Leagues. This spring the conference rallies are being held and again this summer the Synod will be holding its annual convention at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga from August 27 to August 29 inclusive. At this time another year of labor in the Master's kingdom will be completed.

Now we are looking forward to another year, a year that will be even more prosperous for young men and women by their coming to Christ through the Luther League of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul J. Emmerich

Report of Pensions Secretary

Literature on the various plans of the Board of Pensions, some available only after the first of the year, was sent to all pastors and to Central Seminary seniors from this Synod. An inquiry was made into the possibilities regarding group health and accident insurance for members of Synod, this information to be presented at Convention.

May we, as Pensions Secretary, take this means of inviting pastors and congregations, who may not be in the practice, to remember the retired pastors, missionaries, and widows, not only in their prayers,

but in their correspondence and active concern. We are among the recipients of their faithfulness in the service of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, and they are ever deserving of our continued gratitude and love in Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne B. Barthel

Report of the Secretary for Deaconess Work

One of the major changes affecting the Deaconess Work of our Church (See 1952 Minutes of the ULCA Convention) was successfully completed during the last year. The Baltimore Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse and Training School was dedicated on October 27, 1953, at its new location in Ruxton, Maryland. Likewise, we are informed that the Philadelphia Motherhouse has been relocated at Gladwynn, Pa., and expects to hold its dedicatory service on June 9, 1954.

Changes, aiming at a unification of the educational program carried out by the two motherhouses, have also been realized. (See Minutes of 1952 ULCA Convention, p. 887, Sec. 2). Now all deaconess students, regardless of motherhouse affiliation, receive their basic year of studies in the field of religion at Ruxton, Maryland. Their second year of specialized deaconess training is taken in the motherhouse which offers the particular specialization. Students remain in Baltimore for training in religious education, parish work, youth work, and church secretarial work. They go to Philadelphia for training in the medical, institutional, and social welfare fields. This unification has eliminated the overlapping of courses and faculty.

The executive secretary of the Board of Deaconess Work, ULCA, has inquired about the possibility of having one of their field secretaries on itinerary through our Synod in the fall of 1954.

Recommendation

That the synodical secretary for Deaconess Work be authorized to make the necessary plans for a field secretary's itinerary in our Synod.

Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Arno Lehmann

Kansas Council of Churches

Your appointed secretary attended most of the meetings of the Kansas Council of Churches during the past year.

Recommendation

That a committee of three carefully study all implications, responsibilities, advantages and disadvantages of membership in the Kansas Council of Churches, and report on same to the next meeting of Synod.

Action deferred.

Respectfully submitted,
Max H. Geissler

Report of the Committee on Resolutions

The committee presents the following resolutions for adoption:

1) BE IT RESOLVED by the Delegates of this 86th annual convention of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States that our sincere gratitude be given to the Almighty God by whose gracious providence we are inspired, guided and led in the important task of His Church.

2) BE IT RESOLVED that we express our deep appreciation for his counsel and inspiration to the Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, D.D., president of the United Lutheran Church in America.

3) BE IT RESOLVED that we appreciate the presence, inspiration and information brought to us by the following visitors at our convention. The Dr. E. B. Keisler, President of Central Lutheran Theological Seminary, Fremont, Nebraska; Dr. Paul W. Dieckman, President of Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska; Dr. Alfred W. Young, Superintendent of Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebraska; Miss Helene Harder, Missionary to Japan.

4) BE IT RESOLVED that we express our gratitude to the Host Congregation, St. John's Lutheran Church, Salina, Kansas, for its gracious and friendly hospitality afforded us at the convention; to its pastor, Rev. W. H. Moeller; to the choir and organist whose talents aided us in the public services and to the ladies of the congregation who helped so much in making our stay enjoyable by the delicious refreshments and meals; and all others who aided in any way to make this convention such an inspiring one.

5) BE IT RESOLVED that we request Pastor Moeller to read resolution No. 4 to his congregation next Sunday.

Harry R. Allen

Report of the Kansas Synodical Brotherhood

The Kansas Synodical Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church met at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga May 17th, 1953. President Kenneth T. Anderson, presiding.

The following were elected as officers for the coming year.

President—Paul C. Buskirk, Hutchingson, Kansas
Vice-President—V. Olsen, Topeka, Kansas
Treasurer—W. Moebus, Emporia, Kansas
Secretary—Lyman O. Adams, Waterville, Kansas

Eight congregations were represented. Forty men were present. We plan to hold the 1954 convention of the Brotherhood during the family camp at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga, Sunday afternoon and evening of July 11, 1954, the program of which we are working on now.

Respectfully yours,
Paul C. Buskirk, President

Supplementary Report of the Home Mission Committee

Statement from January 13, 1953 to January 13, 1954

Boulevard Park Addition, Raytown, Missouri

for

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States

Fifteen (15) lots sold during year—No. 2, 15, 16, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37.

Lot No. 16 on option with Note for $1,500.00

Lot No. 32—Buyers failed to complete purchase.

All utilities are in except gas along Northern Street. This may be done with little or no charge.

Roads have been accepted by the County and Surety Bond released for same.

First Mortgage Balance to date $10,173.92.

Prospects for 1954 look good. We are receiving a number of inquiries with plans to buy.

Income

Sales Price		$19,575.00
Advance from Synod		2,000.00
TOTAL CASH RECEIVED		$21,575.00

Expenses

ON LOTS:—			
Title Policies, Revenue		$ 245.05	
Sales Commission		1,048.75	
		$ 1,293.80	
ON SUBDIVISION:—			
Water		4,529.00	
Gas		2,785.07	
Real Estate Taxes		149.21	
Recording Plat of Subdivision		27.30	
Road:—			
Harry Gordanier	$1,335.03		
Rock	96.18		
Oil	690.00		
Culvert	171.85	2,293.06	
Surety Bond		37.50	
Survey		333.00	
Topography Map		75.00	
First Mortgage to Frank H. & Esther A. Beets			
Principal	$7,826.08		
Interest	161.26	7,987.34	

Semi-annual interest payments on Note	579.35	
	$18,795.83	
TOTAL EXPENSES PAID		$20,089.63
CASH ON HAND AS OF JAN. 13, 1954		$ 1,485.37

Wayne Cherry Realty Company
Mrs. Paul H. Payne

Estimate on Completion of Lots Sales

Receipts:		
17 remaining lots to be sold at estimate of $1,500 each		$25,500
Estimate of Expenses:		
Real Estate taxes	$ 150.00	
Cost of remaining gas line to be balanced by return of utility installation deposits		
Interest — Estimate	550.00	
Principal due on first mortgage	7,826.00	
Loan from Board of American Missions	10,000.00	
Sales commission	1,270.00	
Contingency	1,000.00	
		$20,796.00
Possible profit when all lots are sold		$ 4,704.00

Plus church lot approximately 240 x 300 ft. on Blue Ridge Blvd., and Lots 19, 20, 21, and 22 reserved for future parsonage and church parking without cost.

Report of the Examining Committee

The Examining Committee reports that the following pastors who have entered our Synod during the past year have come with certificates of transfer from their respective synods and are hereby recommended for reception into the Synod:

The Rev. David M. Funk, to Trinity, Sedalia, Mo., from Iowa Synod

The Rev. Arthur Miller, to St. John, Wellington, Ks., from Midwest Synod

The Rev. Raymond Johnson, to Kent Memorial, Sunrise Beach, Mo., from the Synod of the Northwest

The Rev. Arno Lehmann was ordained after the last meeting of Synod, and installed as pastor of New Cambria-Mentor Parish and is hereby recommended for reception into the Synod.

Mr. Alvin Bumgarner has accepted a call to the Valley Falls, Kansas, parish subject to his ordination. He is graduating from the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, Pa. Upon recommendation from his seminary and examination and approval by Examining Committee he is hereby recommended to the Synod for ordination. The ordination date has been set for June 27.

Mr. Robert Schichter is graduating from the Chicago Lutheran Seminary at Maywood, Ill. Upon recommendation from the seminary and examination and approval by the Examining Committee he is hereby recommended to the Synod for ordination when he has received an official call.*

Respectfully,

Reno R. Frobenius
Rev. A. C. Larsen
Rev. W.F. Most
Rev. J. Franklin Schirck
Rev. George Eller
Rev. Martin C. Ashley

Committee on Absentees and Excuses

The Committee on Absences and Excuses reports the following excuses received from those unable to attend this convention:

Thomas Tychsen, due to failing health.
A. E. Schmidt, illness
Joseph Ensrud, virus infection.
Rev. J. A. McCullough, from Monday and Tuesday morning sessions.
H. Vance Baird, Wednesday Session

A. L. Angersbach
Rev. Martin C. Ashley

The Report of the Committee on the President's Report

Having considered the report, and its supplement, of the President of Synod, W. W. Alexander, and having found it proper and in order, we commend the President for the fine spirit and devotion with which he has conducted matters pertaining to his office during the year; and we further commend Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Kansas, for the willing relinquishing of time necessary to the President's performance of duties of Synod. We heartily endorse the reception of this report by Synod.

Resolutions

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. The President of Synod be congratulated on the manner in which he has consistently upheld the spirit and letter of the Constitution of Synod in all matters.
2. Every congregation of Synod endeavor to lighten the burden of the President by immediately pursuing the proper channels as specified by the Constitution of Synod in Art. IX, Paragraph 3, when a vacancy occurs; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all church councils for reading before their congregations.

W. F. Most, chairman

*Pastor Schichter has accepted the call of the Executive Committee of the Synod to serve as mission developer for the new Kansas City, Mo., Mission, (South area). His ordination has been set for June 20, at Topeka.

Report of the Committee on Invitations

Your Committee has received no invitations from congregations to entertain Synod in 1955. We therefore recommend that the matter of receiving invitations for the next meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States be referred to the Executive Committee of Synod. **Adopted.**

Respectfully submitted,

S. Dee Shepherd
R. O. Shriver
L. S. La Fontaine
Edwin J. Hirsch, chairman
K. de Freese
J. F. Jenkins

Report of the Protocol Committee

The Protocol Committee has examined the original reports of the 85th annual convention of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States. The errors found were of a minor nature; mostly typographical, which have been corrected. However in the printed minutes of Synod many errors were found and some of a more serious nature. These have been corrected also.

The original Protocol submitted by the secretary, and two copies of the printed minutes, will be turned over to the archives of the Synod to be the official Protocol of the 85th Convention.

L. S. La Fontaine, chairman

ADDENDA

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that Senate Bill No. 3451 was introduced by Senator Frank M. Carlson of Kansas, for the relief of Pastor Lehmann providing for his permanent entry into the United States. The Executive Committee instructed the president and the secretary to forward the Synod's endorsement to Senator Carlson and the Department of Immigration and Naturalization.

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1 - 1	Emporia	St. Mark's	1884	Seventh & Constitution	Lyon	3	Sherman E. Frederick	E	490		6	273	3		192		14	1 - 1
2	Eureka	Christ's	1873	319 N. Elm St.	Greenwood	4	Arthur L. Angersbach	E	265	10		205	3		128	3		2
3	Fort Smith, Ark.	St. Luke's	1929	2420 Rogers Ave.	Sebastian	2	L. S. La Fontaine	E	147		129	104		91	84		7	3
4	Hutchinson	Zion	1868	1015 N. Washington St.	Reno	2	H. G. Ritzen	E	366	34		258	17		180	1	-	4
5	Peabody	St. Paul's	1877	Sycamore & Division	Marion	5	Max H. Geissler	E	300	6		239	2		95			5
6	Perth	St. James	1877		Sumner	6	Eugene Fernald(s)	E	13		2	12		2	10	10		6
7	Tulsa, Okla.	First	1909	13th & Utica Sts.	Tulsa	1	Aksel C. Larsen	E	602		72	435		61	343		7	7
8	Wellington	St. John's	1888	320 N. Jefferson St.	Sumner	4	Arthur V. Miller	E	112		82	90		54	68		22	8
9	Wichita	Reformation	1952		Sedgwick	1	Eugene L. Smith	E	131	14		90	11		80	1		9
10	Wichita	St. Paul's	1909	839 N. Market St.	Sedgwick	1	T. Benton Peery D.D.	E	1,160	29		821	11		630	5		10
							Southern Conf. Totals		3,586		198	2,527		161	1,810		30	

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2 - 1	Atchison	St. Mark's	1868	6th & Park Sts.	Atchison	3	Geo. L. Search	E	590		20	404		10	330	10		2 - 1
2	Bendena	St. John's	1913		Doniphan	6	Vacant	E	472		33	283		33	119		22	2
3	Cole Camp, Mo.	United	1927		Benton	5	Arthur E. Schmidt	E	151	5		115			90	3		3
4	Kansas City, Mo.	Bethlehem United	1948	Vivion Road at N. Troost	Clay	1	Don M. Zinger	E	354	64		198	31		171	36		4
5	Kansas City, Mo.	Children's Memorial	1884	9001 Independence Ave.	Jackson	1	Calvin J. Naugle	E	624		6	324		14	255	3		5
6	Kansas City, Mo.	St. Mark's	1867	3800 Troost Ave.	Jackson	1	Harry R. Allen	E	1,004	5		851	3		421	29		6
7	Kansas City, Kans.	Trinity	1902	Ann Ave. & 17th St.	Wyandotte	1	Willard W. Alexander	E	460	46		286	26		220	4		7
8	Lancaster	St. John's	1905		Atchison	6	Supplied	E	276		2	195		4	83	3		8
9	Langdon, Mo.	St. Peter's	1871		Atchison	6	Clarence J. Hansen	E	219		62	164		22	100	11		9
10	Lawrence	Trinity	1867	13th & New Hampshire Sts.	Douglas	3	Richard W. Albert	E	1,106	21		776	7		520	8		10
11	Prairie Village	Faith	1950	67th & Roe	Johnson	1	W. F. Hoat	E	365	38		221	21		196	16		11
12	Raytown, Mo. **	Blue Ridge Trinity	1953		Jackson	3	Edwin J. Hirsch	E	118	118		74	74		72	72		12
13	Rockport, Mo.	First	1858		Atchison	5	Clarence J. Hansen	E	316		35	413	20		200		33	13
14	Sedalia, Mo.	Trinity	1894	916 S. Osage St.	Pettis	3	David M. Funk	E	176		62	131		36	68	1		14
15	St. Joseph, Mo.	First English	1894	Tenth & Charles Sts.	Buchanan	2	Rene N. Frohenius, B.D.	E	1,255	13		1,008	4		843	33		15
16	Sunrise Beach, Mo.	Kent Memorial	1951	River 5 at Lake Road 17	Camden	3	Raymond K. Johnson	E	107	8		57	8		34		30	16
17	Topeka	First	1857	431 Jefferson St.	Shawnee	2	Richard C. Tomlinson	E	814	28		538	28		538	8		17

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3 - 1	Abilene, Kans.	Trinity	1870	Fourth & Cedar Sts.	Dickinson	4	F. Bergstresser, D.D.	E	327		16	241		26	210	4		3 - 1
2	Beloit, Kans.	Zion	1868	7th & Mill Sts.	Mitchell	4	George W. Eller	E	434	26		298	16		236	29		2
3	Bunker Hill, Kans.	Mount Zion	1872		Russell	6	Vacant	E	23		4	5		4	0		6	3
4	Chapman, Kans.	Scherer Memorial	1889	Broadway at Fifth St.	Dickinson	5	Wayne B. Barthel	E	282	12		151	14		117	8		4
5	Glasco, Kans.	St. Paul's	1878		Cloud	5	Vacant	E	249		4	189		10	144		16	5
6	Greenleaf, Kans.	Trinity	1882		Washington	5	J. F. Shirck	E	162		10	109		5	61		7	6
7	Hays, Kans.	Trinity	1878	1209 Fort St.	Ellis	4	Vacant	E	387	16		276	5		119		12	7
8	Marysville, Kans.	First	1874	6 mi. W., 1 mi. S., Marysville	Marshall	6	Martin C. Ashley	E	25	4		24	3		17		1	8
9	Mentor, Kans.	St. Paul's	1874	6 1/2 mi. E., Mentor	Saline	6	Arno A. Lehmann	E	81			51		1	33			9
10	New Cambria, Kans.	Peace	1875		Saline	6	Arno A. Lehmann	E	121	2		61	1		30	2		10
11	Norcatur, Kans.	St. Mark's	1888		Decatur	6	George L. Search (s)	E	84			39		1	20			11
12	Salina, Kans.	St. John's	1873	302 S. 7th St.	Saline	2	Walter H. Moeller	E	1,291	2		638	1		586	11		12
13	Wakeeney, Kans.	Bethlehem	1905	317 N. 8th St.	Trego	4	K. de Freese D.D.	E	667	27		403	11		139	2		13
14	Washington, Kans.	Good Shepherd	1949		Washington	5	Harvey H. Bernhardt	E	305	12		212	25		110		16	14
15	Washington, Kans.	St. Paul's	1886	U.S. 36, 4 mi. E. Washington	Washington	6	J. F. Shirck	E	34			29		1	16			15
16	Waterville, Kans.	St. Mark's	1871		Marshall	5	Martin C. Ashley	E	395	42		314	36		228	27		16
17	Wilson, Kansas	Excelsior	1886	7 mi. E., 1 mi. N., Wilson	Ellsworth	6	Willard R. Garred (s)	E	131		15	95		16	42			17
							Western Conf. Totals		4,998	94		3,335	48		2,108	25		
							Southern Conf.		3,586		198	2,527		161	1,810		30	
							Eastern Conf.		8,670	120		6,184	101		3,766	156		
							Western Conf.		4,998	94		3,335	48		2,108	25		
	1953 Totals	Congregations 45					Pastors 39		17,254			12,046			7,704			1953
	1952 Totals	Congregations 44					Pastors 38		17,238			12,058			7,553			1952
	Increase	1					1		16			12			151			Inc.
	Decrease																	Dec.

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					CHILD MEMBERS										ADULT MEMBERS									PARISH Sunday Schools					Weekday Schools		Children of Church		HIGHER																					
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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			9	10											11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31							
1 - 1	Emporia - St. Mark's	490	273	192																																													
2	Eureka - Christ's	285	205	128	3	7	3	9	1	3		12	4	9	2	9	5		16	3	10		13	3	11																								
3	Fort Smith - St. Luke's	147	104	84	7	4	11	1	1	2		4	7		3	5	1		9		4		4	1	2																								
4	Hutchinson - Zion	348	228	180	11	3	14	1	16	2		18	31	49	3	5	1		9		15	4	19	1	22		88			20																			
5	Peabody - St. Paul's	300	230	180	15	3	18		1			1		17	1	3	1		5		15	4	19		22		65																				
6	Perth - St. James	13	12	95	3	4	7	3					17	4	1	3	1	6	27	4	4		8		15	4	65	100																			
7	Tulsa - First	13	12	10											1	8			9		2		2		28			10																			
8	Wellington - St. John's	602	435	343	34	5	39	4		9	37	50		11	3	17	26	4	50	7	33	71	111		28																							
9	Wichita - Reformation	112	90	66	7	7	7			2	33	35		28	3	1	2		6	2	5	51	60																								
10	Wichita - St. Paul's	131	98	80	6		6	2			2	5	3			3	11	4	18		7		7		35		253	20	60																		
	Southern Conf. Totals	3,360	2,211	630	30	32	62	9		14		24	18			16	35	5	61	4	63	3	90		31		300	7	71																		
					110	28	146	29	1	48	205	283			20	67	92	19	206	26	125	214	365	30	253	1,306	40	193																			

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1 - 1	Atchison - St. Mark's	590	404	330																																												
2	Bucklin - St. John's	472	382	119	28	2	30	16	2	20	2	40		10	2	14	4		20		12	2	14		36		240	4	10	1	8	30	1	10	14														
3	Cole Camp - United	183	115	90	4		4					4			1		1		2		7	33	40		19		115	12	14																		
4	Kansas City - Bethlehem United	284	198	121	5		5						5		1		1		2						12		60		6																		
5	Kansas City - Children's Memorial	634	324	250	10	12	22						22		1	13	14		28		6	10	16		14		140		6																		
6	Kansas City - St. Mark's	1,006	851	421	10	2	12			9		9	12		1	4	5	2	12	1	2		3		37		160		6																		
7	Kansas City - Trinity	480	286	230	18	6	24	1	6		5	30	6		1	12	13	1	27	10	20	6	36		25		160		12																		
8	Lancaster - St. John's	276	218	61	2		2			4		4	30	2	3	4	7	30	44	10	20	5	35		41		102		12																		
9	Lawrence - St. Peter's	219	164	100	2	1	3			1		1	2			2	2		4		1		1		2		26		12																		
10	Lawrence - Trinity	1,106	776	188	2	2	4			4	38	42	38			3	3		6		1		1		2		170	24	24				0	62	14												
11	Prairie Village - Faith	265	221	198	10		10			4	21	25	15	40		5	5		10		16		17		27		102		13																		
12	Raytown - Blue Ridge Trinity	115	74	72						4		4	17		6	16	5	3	30	12	7	16	35		43		115		10																		
13	Rockport - First	116	74	72																																												
14	Salina - Trinity	176	111	200	2	7	9			4	58	62	44	47	1	2	3		6		1		1		27		223		27	1																	
15	St. Joseph - First English	1,255	1,006	545	14	7	21	3		6	44	50	47	26	1	12	13	2	28	1	2	16	19		14		155	1	14																		
16	Sunrise Beach - Sam Memorial	357	97	34	2	1	3						17	9	1	3	4	2	10	2	2	3	7		14		80		14																		
17	Topeka - First	1,255	1,006	545	14	7	21	3		6	44	50	47	26	1	12	13	2	28	1	2	16	19		14		155	1	14																		
18	Yellow Pine - St. Paul's	357	97	34	2	1	3						17	9	1	3	4	2	10	2	2	3	7		14		80		14																		
	Eastern Conf. Totals	9,678	6,384	3,386	110	28	146	29	1	48	205	283			20	67	92	19	206	26	125	214	365	30	253	1,306	40	193																		

KANSAS AND ADJACENT STATES SYNOD—WESTERN CONFERENCE

| Index Number | PASTORAL CHARGE (City or Town and Congregation) | MEMBERSHIP | | | | | | | | | | | | EDUCATION | | | | | | | | | | | |

KANSAS AND ADJACENT STATES SYNOD—SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Index Number	GROUP ORGANIZATIONS: Men's Number	Men's Members	Women's Number	Women's Members	Mixed Number	Mixed Members	Young People Number	Young People Members	Valuation of Church Property: Church Building	Parsonage	School and/or Parish House	Retirement	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	FINANCIAL: Congregational Expenses: Current	Unusual	Total	Congregational Benevolence: Unapportioned: Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Apportioned: Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditure	Index Number
	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55		56	57	58	
1 - 1	1	24	1	114			1	20	50,000	7,000		6,390		63,390		6,289	557	6,846											1 - 1
2	1	24	1	68	1	34			107,500	10,900			500	118,900		6,481	1,962	8,443	131	12	89	25	244	260	2,048	2,048	2,437	10,811	2
3			1	15	1	19	1	9	60,000	10,000				70,000	27,142	4,012	802	4,814	28	79	15	282	137	541	891	891	1,432	6,246	3
4	1	20	1	55			1	15	90,000	11,000			2,000	103,000		6,733	1,840	8,573	95	718		108	531	1,452	3,760	3,976	1,428	12,001	4
5			1	75			1	20	60,000	6,000				66,000		6,072	301	6,373		110	100	95	572	877	1,397	819	1,696	8,069	5
6			1	3					250					250		289		289			58	28	20	106		65	171	460	6
7			1	80			1	18		27,500		78,140	50,000	155,640		12,560	17,976	30,536	105	234	70	49	828	1,286	3,983	3,895	5,181	35,717	7
8			1	24					7,000	4,000	300	598		11,898		3,345	650	3,995	14	111		67	197	391	957	957	1,348	5,343	8
9			1	28			1	8		16,350			21,000	37,350	32,278	2,630	3,321	5,960					18	18		761	779	6,739	9
10	1	35	3	185	1	50	1	50	65,000	25,000	10,000	10,194	67,184	177,378		10,661	4,353	15,014	391	934	568	635	3,238	5,766	6,930	7,959	13,719	36,733	10
Totals	4	103	19	647	3	103	7	140	439,750	117,750	10,300	95,342	140,684	803,826	59,420	67,091	32,762	98,853	766	2,188	900	1,590	5,942	11,386	19,360	20,753	32,149	131,002	

KANSAS AND ADJACENT STATES SYNOD—EASTERN CONFERENCE

Index Number	GROUP ORGANIZATIONS: Men's Number	Men's Members	Women's Number	Women's Members	Mixed Number	Mixed Members	Young People Number	Young People Members	Valuation of Church Property: Church Building	Parsonage	School and/or Parish House	Retirement	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	FINANCIAL: Congregational Expenses: Current	Unusual	Total	Congregational Benevolence: Unapportioned: Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Apportioned: Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditure	Index Number
	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55		56	57	58	
2 - 1	1	32	5	110	2	40	2	48	50,000	7,000			1,475	58,475	500	11,144		11,144		40	63	722	305	1,130	1,300	2,205	3,335	14,479	2 - 1
2			3	95	1	24	1	10	30,000	1,600		4,000		35,600		5,950		5,950					1,058	1,060	1,058	1,058	1,018	6,978	2
3	1	28	1	26			1	10	20,000	5,000				25,000		3,936	595	4,531	20	127	63	66	147	422	1,012	1,015	1,437	5,968	3
4	1	12	1	20			1	12	48,600	8,600				57,200	41,987	4,261	3,693	7,954		79	20		155	254	1,276	550	804	8,758	4
5	1	32	6	241	2	97	4	91	60,000	10,000			5,000	75,000		12,088	1,789	13,847	310	584	180	616	1,021	2,711	2,640	3,500	6,211	20,058	5
6	1	12	3	53	1	23	1	12	200,000	20,000	100,000			320,000		23,165	14,989	38,154	179	572		202	1,155	2,108	4,125	4,125	6,233	44,387	6
7			2	50					100,000	20,000				120,000	17,500	14,498	2,946	17,445	398	320	73	149	434	1,374	2,321	2,642	4,036	21,481	7
8			1	39					8,000	5,000				13,000		5,665		5,665	7	68	10		469	546	1,144	534	1,080	6,745	8
9			1	39			2	13	15,000				550	15,550		2,364	1,750	4,114	92	10	67	163	471	803	1,122	1,257	2,060	6,174	9
10	1	40	5	295	1	50	4	125	201,000	17,024			2,000	220,024		14,027	3,987	18,014	25	531	382	75	1,794	2,807	3,823	3,728	6,535	26,549	10
11	1	46	3	72	1	48	1	36	134,876	16,500			661	152,037	125,096	8,009	10,709	26,718				313	182	771	766	1,166	1,303	2,149	28,867	11
12			1	15			1	6		13,300				13,300	13,062	1,607		1,607									50	50	29,657	12
13			2	44			2	26	20,000	8,000			2,526	30,526		3,266	960	4,226	44	200	20	198	793	1,255	2,761	1,309	2,564	6,790	13
14	1		1	35	1	21	1	10	20,000	7,500				27,500	12,500	5,225	4,367	9,592	50	110	10	25	220	315	946	946	1,261	10,857	14
15	1	26	7	264	2	76	2	32	230,358	15,337		400	21,366	267,461	6,400	25,001	1,127	26,128	311	125		254	1,964	2,654	5,973	6,015	8,669	34,797	15
16			1	40					10,000	10,000			1,000	41,000	19,000	2,222	1,946	4,168		23	15	25	10	73			148	4,316	16
17	1	16	1	95	1	30			13,450	21,500			7,600	32,550	20,600	10,252	2,504	12,756	107	104	39	91	1,242	1,582	2,620	2,702	4,283	17,040	17
18	1	15	2	65			1	18	25,000	8,000		500		33,000		4,901	675	5,576				20	111	131	656	869	1,000	6,576	18
Totals	11	298	50	1,620	13	431	25	451	1,206,284	198,361	100,000	7,561	43,792	1,553,998	246,845	157,586	60,659	217,565	1,545	2,877	1,260	2,778	11,530	19,990	29,445	26,845	56,835	274,800	

KANSAS AND ADJACENT STATES SYNOD—WESTERN CONFERENCE

Index Number	GROUP ORGANIZATIONS								Valuation of Church Property							FINANCIAL												Index Number
	Men's		Women's		Mixed		Young People									Congregational Expenses			Congregational Benevolence									
																			Unapportioned						Apportioned				
	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Church Building	Parsonage	School and/or Parish House	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolences	Total	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures	
	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55		56	57	58	
3 - 1	1	20	3	130	1	25			58,000	10,000		1,000		66,000		5,876	3,442	9,318	150	114	124	429	319	1,136	2,563	2,563	3,699	13,017	3 - 1
2			2	40	1	45	1	20	6,000	3,000	3,000		3,577	15,577		6,148	537	6,685		22	30	89	314	455	1,804	1,809	2,264	8,949	2
3			1	16					2,500	1,500				4,000									18	18	154	77	95	95	3
4			2	100	1	12	1	12	66,000	6,000		2,500		74,500	425	4,691	2,540	7,231		25	26		367	418	1,122	870	1,488	8,719	4
5	1	10	2	82	1	24			70,000	5,000				75,000	9,900	6,517	2,600	9,117		30	40		218	288	1,584	1,584	1,872	10,989	5
6			2	40			1	12	12,500	750			1,040	14,290		2,501	266	2,767	35	351		69	170	625	748	701	1,324	4,091	6
7			3	70			2	38	50,000	8,000			1,400	59,400		6,448	1,095	7,543	15	15		22	193	245	1,815	619	1,164	8,707	7
8	1	6	1	14					2,500					2,500		619		619					58	58	187	135	193	812	8
9			2	27			1	15	12,000					12,000		1,473		1,473					98	98	341	123	221	1,694	9
10			2	24					15,000	4,000			3,570	24,570		2,342		2,342					38	38	297	132	170	2,512	10
11									2,000	500				2,500		732	72	804					39	39	189	200	139	1,043	11
12			1	150	3	40	3	60	75,000	7,500		3,600		86,100		18,851	2,365	21,216	71	120		283	2,186	2,660	6,149	4,291	8,953	30,167	12
13			3	81	1	27	1	24	65,000	5,500				70,500		13,310	92	13,402	168	21	96	265		550	1,529	1,168	1,718	15,120	13
14	1	12	2	53			1	15		12,000			7,500	19,500	6,120	3,525	1,481	5,006	140	112			223	475	1,397	1,400	1,075	6,681	14
15	1		1	7					3,000	750				3,750		513	70	583		56			31	86	264		86	669	15
16	2	98	3	123			3	34	26,000	5,000	5,300		200	36,500		5,017	2,863	7,880					339	339	2,035	1,604	1,943	9,823	16
17			1	20					3,000				500	3,500		2,211	317	2,528		37	191	117	213	553	972	593	1,166	3,694	17
Totals	6	186	31	937	6	173	14	230	465,000	71,500	8,300	7,100	17,787	569,687	16,445	80,774	17,740	98,514	579	897	507	1,274	5,024	8,281	22,759	20,169	28,450	126,964	
8	4	103	19	647	3	103	7	140	439,750	117,750	10,300	95,142	140,684	803,826	59,420	67,091	31,762	98,853	766	2,198	900	1,590	5,842	11,396	19,360	20,753	32,149	131,002	
9	11	238	90	1,620	11	431	25	461	1,206,284	198,361	100,000	7,561	41,792	1,553,998	246,845	157,506	60,056	217,562	1,445	3,873	1,260	2,778	11,130	19,980	30,448	30,848	66,938	274,980	
6	6	106	31	937	6	173	14	230	465,000	71,500	8,300	7,100	17,787	569,687	16,445	80,774	17,740	98,514	579	897	507	1,274	5,024	8,281	22,758	20,169	28,450	126,964	
1953	21	447	100	3,204	22	707	46	821	2,111,034	387,611	118,600	10,003	200,263	2,827,511	322,710	305,371	109,561	414,932	2,990	5,972	2,667	5,642	22,496	39,667	80,364	77,867	127,534	532,466	1953
1952	25	533	98	3,094	25	765	43	815	1,961,716	348,811	119,150	30,023	194,783	2,654,483	238,404	270,087	119,085	397,172	4,653	7,155	3,836	6,129	24,471	46,244	74,591	70,338	116,583	513,755	1952
Inc.			2	110					149,318	38,800	550	79,980	5,480	273,028	84,306	37,284	9,524	17,760	1,763	1,183	1,169	487	1,975	6,577	5,973	7,528	961	18,711	Inc.
Dec.	4	86			3	58	3	6																					Dec.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF KANSAS
AND ADJACENT STATES

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT - BUDGET WITH RECEIPTS
January 6, 1953, to January 5, 1954

	Apportioned Benevolence			Lutheran World Action		
	Budget 1-6-53 to 1-5-54	Receipts 1-6-53 to 1-5-54	Over or (Under) Budget	Budget 1-6-53 to 1-5-54	Receipts 1-6-53 to 1-5-54	Over or (Under) Budget
Trinity, Abilene, Kansas	$ 2,563.00	$ 2,563.00	$ -	$ 302.90	$ 302.90	-
St. Mark's, Atchison, Kansas	3,300.00	2,205.28	(1,094.72)	390.00	112.03	(277.97)
Zion, Beloit, Kansas	1,804.00	1,809.33	5.33	213.20	214.39	1.19
St. John's, Bendena, Kansas	1,958.00	1,958.10	.10	231.40	271.00	39.60
Mt. Zion, Bunker Hill, Kansas	154.00	77.00	(77.00)	18.20	18.20	-
Scherer Memorial, Chapman, Kansas	1,122.00	869.46	(252.54)	132.60	192.50	59.90
United, Cole Camp, Kansas	1,012.00	1,015.02	3.02	119.60	120.00	.40
St. Mark's, Emporia, Kansas	2,068.00	2,068.00	-	244.40	244.40	-
Christ's, Eureka, Kansas	1,364.00	1,368.00	4.00	161.20	161.20	-
St. Luke's, Fort Smith, Arkansas	891.00	891.00	-	105.30	24.71	(80.59)
St. Paul's, Glasco, Kansas	1,584.00	1,584.08	.08	187.20	187.20	-
Trinity, Greenleaf, Kansas	748.00	701.35	(46.65)	88.40	137.18	48.78
Trinity, Hays, Kansas	1,815.00	919.34	(895.66)	214.50	42.00	(172.50)
Zion, Hutchinson, Kansas	1,760.00	1,975.98	215.98	208.00	247.67	39.67
Bethlehem United, Kansas City, Missouri	1,276.00	550.00	(726.00)	150.80	150.80	-
Children's Memorial, Kansas City, Missouri	2,640.00	3,500.00	860.00	312.00	471.95	159.95
St. Mark's, Kansas City, Missouri	4,125.00	4,125.00	-	487.50	487.50	-
Trinity, Kansas City, Missouri	2,321.00	2,661.85	340.85	274.30	372.00	97.70
St. John's, Lancaster, Kansas	1,144.00	533.90	(610.10)	135.20	106.50	(28.70)
St. Peter's, Langdon, Missouri	1,122.00	1,256.82	134.82	132.60	138.70	6.10
Trinity, Lawrence, Kansas	5,423.00	5,728.18	305.18	640.90	712.65	71.75
First, Marysville, Kansas	187.00	135.30	($1.70)	22.10	31.10	9.00
St. Paul's, Mentor, Kansas	341.00	122.76	(218.24)	40.30	83.46	43.16

Peace, New Cambria, Kansas	297.00	131.86	(165.14)	35.10	26.33	(8.77)
St. Mark's, Norcatur, Kansas	198.00	200.00	2.00	23.40	23.50	.10
St. Paul's, Peabody, Kansas	1,397.00	819.08	(577.92)	165.10	126.00	(39.10)
St. James, Perth, Kansas	-	65.00	65.00	-	-	-
Faith, Prairie Village, Kansas	1,166.00	1,383.00	217.00	137.80	141.00	3.20
Blue Ridge Trinity, Raytown, Missouri	-	50.00	50.00	-	-	-
First, Rockport, Missouri	2,761.00	1,309.00	(1,452.00)	326.30	354.19	27.89
St. John's, Salina, Kansas	6,149.00	6,291.34	142.34	726.70	726.70	-
Trinity, Sedalia, Missouri	946.00	946.00	-	111.80	111.80	-
First English, St. Joseph, Missouri	5,973.00	6,015.00	42.00	705.90	720.00	14.10
Kent Memorial, Sunrise Beach, Missouri	-	147.80	147.80	-	-	-
First, Topeka, Kansas	2,420.00	2,701.70	281.70	286.00	364.47	78.47
First, Tulsa, Oklahoma	3,993.00	3,895.00	(98.00)	471.90	179.20	(292.70)
St. Paul's, Valley Falls, Kansas	858.00	858.00	-	101.40	102.00	.60
Bethlehem, Wakeeney, Kansas	1,529.00	1,168.00	(361.00)	180.70	100.00	(80.70)
Good Shepherd, Washington, Kansas	1,397.00	1,400.00	3.00	165.10	168.00	2.90
St. Paul's, Washington, Kansas	264.00	-	(264.00)	31.20	31.20	-
St. Mark's, Waterville, Kansas	2,035.00	1,603.59	(431.41)	240.50	242.47	1.97
St. John's, Wellington, Kansas	957.00	957.40	.40	113.10	141.25	28.15
Reformation, Wichita, Kansas	-	760.40	760.40	-	18.84	18.84
St. Paul's, Wichita, Kansas	6,930.00	7,952.95	1,022.95	819.00	877.70	58.70
Excelsior, Wilson, Kansas	572.00	592.64	20.64	67.60	166.66	99.06
Totals	$80,564.00	$77,866.51	($2,697.49)	$9,521.20	$9,451.35	($69.85)

MINUTES

of the

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

of the

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

of the

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States

St. John's Lutheran Church

302 South Seventh Street, Salina, Kansas

Rev. W. H. MOELLER, Pastor

May 3, 4 and 5, 1954

Convention Guests—

Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, General Board Member, W.M.S.
Dr. Frances Dysinger, Promotion Secretary, W.M.S.
Miss Helene Harder, Missionary to Japan
Miss Agnes Christianson, Missionary to India
Sister Ruth Hobbs, Parish Deaconess

Theme—

"Teach me, O Lord, that I may teach."

Convention Text—

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
—II Timothy 2:15

Convention Hymn—

(1) Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone.

(2) O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

(3) O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

(4) O give Thine own sweet rest to me,
That I may speak with soothing power
A word in season, as from Thee,
To weary ones in needful hour.

(5) O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

(6) O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

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PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 3, 1954

The Seventy-fourth Annual Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States convened at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Salina, Kansas, at 3:00 p.m. Prior to the opening of the Convention, the Communion Service with Synod was held at St. John's Lutheran Church. The President, Mrs. George L. Anderson, formally opened the meeting. All joined in singing two verses of the Convention Hymn, "Lord, Speak to Me."

Mrs. Gener Burnett, Courtesy Chairman, introduced Mayor E. P. Wenger and Chief of Police H. R. Salmons. Both gave greetings and the Mayor presented a key to the city. Western Conference President, Mrs. Gerald Klema, gave devotions using Psalm 24:4:, "Teach Me Thy Paths" as the basis for her meditation.

A welcome was extended from the local church by the WOC President, Mrs. W. Carl Johnson. Response was given by Mrs. Harry R. Allen, St. Mark's, Kansas City, Missouri. The President called the roll of societies and delegates presented their credential cards to the Secretary.

Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, Promotional Secretary, introduced and welcomed two new societies: Konnarock of Salina and Vesper of St. Joseph.

The President appointed the tellers and Mrs. J. E. Johnson, acting Parliamentarian, gave an explanation of the constitution on voting and conducted the election throughout the sessions.

Communications were read from Miss Lilith Schwab, Miss Myrtle Wilke and our Midland Scholarship Students, Hiss Arlene Nestler and Miss Martha Peterson.

General Board Member, Mrs. Ernest Tonsing and Miss Helene Harder, Missionary to Japan, were introduced as Convention guests.

Mrs. Ward Barber, program chairman, introduced the rest of the committee who were Mrs. William Yost, Mrs. W. W. Alexander and Mrs. Max Geissler. She moved the adoption of the program, with necessary changes. Motion carried.

The tellers reported that Mrs. George L. Anderson was elected President on the first ballot.

Mrs. Edwin Hirsch suggested that all visit the Literature Table. Mrs. George Eller announced that colored slides of the new Deaconess Home in Baltimore would be shown at St. John's Beginners' Department.

The high light of the afternoon was the address by Miss Agnes Christianson, missionary to India, on "What I Like About India."

The offering was received and dedicated by Mrs. C. C. Emmerich. All joined in praying the Missionary Benediction and adjournment made for the dinner served at Immanuel Church.

MONDAY EVENING, MAY 3, 1954

Delegates and visitors to the Women's Missionary Society met with Synod for the evening Vesper Service at 7:30 p.m., at St. John's Church, with Mrs. George L. Anderson presiding. Pastor W. H. Moeller was

Liturgist. The speakers were introduced by Mrs. Ernest Tonsing. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry brought greetings from the United Lutheran Church in America. The address of the evening was given by Miss Helene Harder on "The Lutheran Church in Japan Today." An informal reception was held in Lantz Hall following the Vespers.

TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 4, 1954

The WMS met with Synod for devotions at St. John's Church at 9:00 a.m. The sermon by the Rev. David M. Funk was followed by an address by Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, President of the U.L.C.A.

At 10:00 a.m. the second session was held at Immanuel Church. Mrs. Nina Farmer played the piano prelude. Dr. Fry talked on the position of the WMS as an auxiliary in event of the possible merger.

Mrs. Thomas Frack gave the morning prayer. Mrs. Anderson presided and the voting continued. Mrs. John Zimmerman read the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, which were approved as corrected.

The Executive Board met on Monday, May 3, 1954, at 10:00 a.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church in Salina. Members present were: Mrs. Geo. L. Anderson, Mrs. Ward Barber, Mrs. John Zimmerman, Mrs. C. C. Emmerich, Mrs. Duane Skogen, Mrs. Gerald Klema, Mrs. W. F. Most, Mrs. R. L. Tonsing, Mrs. L. S. La Fontaine, Mrs. Reno Frobenius, Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, Mrs. Geo. Eller, Mrs. Edwin Hirsch, Mrs. Aksel Larsen, Mrs. R. H. Owen and Mrs. J. E. Johntz, acting parliamentarian. Courtesy Chairman, Mrs. Gene Burnett, and two members of the Program Committee, Mrs. William Yost and Mrs. W. W. Alexander, were also in attendance. Mrs. Anderson presided and Mrs. Zimmerman gave the devotions, using Scripture and thoughts about "Making the Most of Today."

The minutes of the February 1 Board Meeting were approved as read by the secretary. Mrs. Emmerich, treasurer, asked that all present claims immediately and also clarified rules concerning expenses of board members. Money and blanks for Life Memberships and In Memoriams are to be given Mrs. Emmerick. Mrs. Barber told about the program and explained about some changes that had been made. Mrs. Christiansen, statistician, is unable to be present and her report will be given later. Mrs. M. H. Barton and Mrs. Wayne Barthel will be with us Wednesday. Mrs. Ellen Schultz was excused as she was working at the registration desk.

We accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. Harold Kester, magazine secretary. Mrs. Klema reported on the Western Conference. Mrs. Skogen stated that the Eastern Conference meeting will be held June 17 at Faith Lutheran Church in Prairie Village. Miss Mrytle Wilke and a German lady might be available for fall conference meetings (if we have them). Mrs. La Fontaine will pass out envelopes for the Special Aids shower.

Mrs. Most gave reports of our Midland Scholarship students. The duties of the Courtesy Chairman were discussed. Standing committees: Family Camp—Mrs. Robert Tonsing; and Constitution—Mrs. E. P. Boersch. A card of congratulations was sent to Arlene Nestler, our

scholarship student, who is being graduated from Midland. Miss Myra Glassel, Valley Falls, was appointed official Assistant Secretary. Mrs. Eller announced that Deaconess films and LWA films will be shown after the afternoon sessions. Sister Ruth Hobbs, Parish Deaconess, will be a guest at our convention. The following were appointed as tellers: Mrs. Leonard Wortz, Wichita; Mrs. Henry Weinstein, Prairie Village; Mrs. Jane Schmidt, Topeka. Mrs. Hirsch will sell literature. There are new Thank Offering boxes available.

Publicity in the KSL will be reported by Mrs. Ellen Schultz and Mrs. W. W. Alexander; Lutheran Women's Work by Mrs. R. L. Tonsing, local papers by Mrs. Morris Johnson. The Constitution has been brought up to date. Mrs. J. E. Johntz of Abilene is Parliamentarian in place of Mrs. Frank Buck, who was excused. The buzz session for Tuesday afternoon was discussed. Mrs. Ernest Tonsing reported on the recent President's Conference in Philadelphia, which was also attended by our president, Mrs. Anderson. Meeting closed with all praying the Missionary Benediction.

Mrs. Ward Barber took the chair and Mrs. Anderson read the Report of the President. The nine recommendations made by the President were read separately and voted upon—all were adopted. These may be found in the President's Report.

In the absence of Mrs. H. H. Christiansen, the Statistical Report was read by Mrs. Zimmerman.

The report of the tellers: Mrs. Ward Barber was re-elected Vice President; Miss Myra Glassel was elected Recording Secretary and Mrs. John Zimmerman was elected Statistical Secretary.

The report of the Treasurer was given by Mrs. Emmerick. She moved the adoption of the report and audit. Motion carried.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

CLAIMS:
Mrs. C. C. Emmerich, Mrs. Raymond Korte and Mrs. Haven Stayton

RESOLUTIONS:
Mrs. Thos. Frack, Mrs. L. C. Austin and Mrs. Ralph Vague

OFFICERS' REPORTS:
Mrs. Clinton Muller, Mrs. Lynn Livers and Mrs. H. H. Wehry

DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARY REPORTS:
Mrs. Nora Hahn, Mrs. Charles Reed and Mrs. Carl Newcomb

SECRETARY'S MINUTES:
Mrs. Howard Darge, Mrs. Ray Bottorff and Mrs. Harold Homan

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
Mrs. Arthur Miller, Mrs. Carl Schuler and Miss Christine Hornaday

TELLERS:
Mrs. Leonard Wortz, Mrs. Henry Weinstein, and Mrs. Jane Schmidt

REPORTERS:
"Kansas Synod Lutheran" and "The Lutheran"—Mrs. W. W. Alexander and Mrs. Ellen Schultz; "Lutheran Woman's Work"—Mrs. R. L. Tonsing; Local Paper—Mrs. Morris Johnson

COURTESY CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Gene Burnett

REGISTRAR: Mrs. Nina Farmer

USHERS: Members of the Salina WOC

Wives of two new pastors of our Synod were introduced: Mrs. Arthur Miller, Wellington, and Mrs. David Funk, Sedalia.

A former National Board member and former President of the WMS of Kansas and Adjacent States, Mrs. Thomas Frack, introduced Dr. Frances Dysinger, National Promotion Secretary, who spoke on "Operation, Promotion."

Mrs. Edwin Hirsch told about the new books and children's literature. Mrs. Nina Farmer gave the Registrar's report:

Report of the Registrar

ULCA President—Dr. Franklin Clark Fry
National Promotional Secretary—Dr. Frances Dysinger
National Board Member—Mrs. Ernest Tonsing
Missionaries Present—
Miss Helene Harder—Japan, and Miss Agnes Christianson—India
Deaconess Present—Sister Ruth Hobbs
Officers and Board Members Present—19
Delegates—81
Visitors—66
Churches Represented—40

Two verses of "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" and the Missionary Benediction closed the session. Luncheon was served at Immanuel Church.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 4, 1954

The third session was held at 1:30 p.m. at Immanuel Church. All joined in singing the fourth and fifth stanzas of the convention hymn. Mrs. Duane Skogen, Eastern Conference President, gave the devotions, using Luke 24:47 and Deut. 6:4-7 as her text and speaking on "Beginning in Jerusalem."

It was announced that Mrs. C. C. Emmerick had been reappointed Treasurer by the Administrative Board. Instructions were given to the convention committees.

Dr. Frances Dysinger conducted a very successful and informative buzz session on "How Can My Local Society Serve More Effectively?"

In the absence of Mrs. E. P. Boersch, Mrs. Ward Barber read the report of the Constitution Committee and moved its adoption. Mrs. R. H. Owen, Historian, gave a brief history of our seventy-four years. She had an interesting book of historical pictures on display. Mrs. Ellen Schultz, Editor of Women's Page, K.S.L., read her report and recommended that we continue our news in the KSL. Recommendation

adopted. Mrs. Franklin Shirck gave an informative talk on the Synodical Film Library.

Greetings were brought by Dr. E. Bryan Keisler, President of Central Seminary; the Rev. Raymond Johnson of Kent Memorial, Sunrise Beach; the Rev. W. W. Alexander, President of the Synod; Pastor Loren Wolff, President of Midwest Synod; Dr. Paul W. Dieckman, President of Midland; Dr. A. W. Young, Superintendent of Tabitha Home and Robert Schlichter, student at Chicago Seminary.

Mrs. W. F. Most explained about the organization—Midland Women. Mrs. R. L. Tonsing and various ladies who had attended Family Camp told of the spiritual value and fun they had at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga during Family Camp sessions last year.

The offering was taken by the ushers and blessed by Mrs. Emmerich.

Mrs. Eller again announced about the Deaconess film to be shown after this session. Mrs. Hirsch showed new books. Mrs. Frack urged all to give our missionary education literature at Bible Schools this summer.

The meeting was closed with the group singing two verses of "A Charge to Keep I Have," and praying the Missionary Benediction.

The Administrative Committee met immediately and chose the appointive secretaries to make up the Executive Board.

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 4, 1954

Delegates and visitors to the Women's Missionary Convention listened in on the evening session of Synod as the Synod merger was discussed and voted upon at St. John's Lutheran Church.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 5, 1954

The WMS convened at St. John's Church at 9:00 with delegates of Synod. Rev. David M. Funk gave the devotions and Dr. Franklin Clark Fry delivered the address.

This session of the Convention was opened by the President, Mrs. George L. Anderson at Immanuel. The group sang "Holy, Holy, Holy," accompanied by Mrs. Nina Farmer. Mrs. Fred Kloepper led in prayer.

Mrs. Aksel Larsen gave the report of the Mission Study Secretary. Mrs. John Zimmerman read the report of the Magazine Secretary, Mrs. Harold Kester. Mrs. Edwin Hirsch gave the Education Secretary's report and also stressed some of the Mission Study Books.

Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, Promotion Secretary, gave that report and introduced Mrs. W. F. Most, Student Secretary, who gave a resumé of that department. Mrs. George Eller, Deaconess Secretary, reported and then introduced Sister Ruth Hobbs, Parish Deaconess from Russell, Kansas. Sister Ruth talked of "Deaconesses Through the Centuries" and then answered questions on the Diaconate. Miss Helene Harder made a few remarks on the "Status of Women in the U.L.C.A."

Mrs. Gene Burnett, Courtesy Chairman, introduced Dr. T. Benton Peery of Wichita who spoke on Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Wayne Barthel made an announcement about the Life Membership shower. Mrs. La Fontaine stated that Special Aids envelopes

are to be placed in the offering plate. Mrs. Arthur Miller asked for names to which communications should be sent and announced that there would be a meeting of the Camp Wa-Shun-Ga staff after the afternoon session.

The fourth session was closed with all praying the Missionary Benediction.

At 11:45 a.m., the official photograph of the Convention was taken at St. John's Church.

WEDNESDAY NOON, MAY 5, 1954

An Argentinian Luncheon was served at Immanuel Church at 12:00. The tables were attractively decorated with blue and white streamers and flags and yellow circles representing "The Rising Sun." Mrs. G. L. Anderson introduced Mrs. Ward Barber, Program Chairman and toastmistress. Mrs. Bernard Rosenquist played two lovely piano selections. Mrs. Barber presented Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, National Board Member of the WMS, who addressed us on "Not an Auxiliary, But a Tributary."

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 5, 1954

The sixth session of the Convention opened with Mrs. Nina Farmer playing a hymn, at 1:30 p.m. at Immanual Church. The devotions from Matthew 28:19, 20—"Go therefore and teach all nations"—were given by Mrs. M. H. Barton, Southern Conference President.

The Convention picture was shown. Mrs. Anderson announced that it was $1.00 and all desiring one should sign for it.

Mrs. Reno Frobenius, Thank Offering Secretary, gave her report and then introduced a group who presented a pantomime "Picture Windows," showing ways in which we can all give thanks and use our Thank Offering boxes. Those taking part were Mrs. Lynn Will, Leona Strecker, Sandra Crider, Elizabeth Langel and Susan Pfeifer.

Mrs. La Fontaine, Special Aids Secretary, told of her department. She presented a skit in which parts were taken by Mrs. C. A. Cahill, Mrs. C. E. French, Mrs. Ray Haggart, Mrs. J. K. Hoffman and Mrs. T. W. Sanderson. Two wore authentic Japanese kimonos loaned by Miss Harder. Mrs. La Fontaine asked Miss Harder to accept the Special Aids offering for educational supplies for Japan. Miss Harder offered prayer.

Mrs. R. L. Tonsing, Patron and Protege Secretary, with the assistance of Mrs. Arthur Miller and Mrs. Howard Darge, gave a skit telling how much it costs to support a protege in various places. Mrs. C. C. Emmerich told how promotion and education are possible only because of the Special Gifts Department.

Mrs. Wayne Barthel, Life Membership and In Memoriam Secretary, announced this shower is the largest on record.

Memoriams	14	$ 350.00
Transfers	9	135.00
Life Members	119	1,190.00
TOTAL FOR 1954 "SHOWER"		$1,675.00

Mrs. Arlo Gruenthal sang a special number. As the names were read, bouquets of sweet peas were placed on a cross. Special recognition was given the societies of Valley Falls; Trinity, Kansas City, Kansas, and Lancaster Kansas, which are all 100 per cent groups. A delegate from each society giving to this shower was asked to be in a picture when the cross was completed. Pastor Franklin Shirck took the picture during a short recess and also one of the Executive Board.

Mrs. Emmerich accepted and dedicated the afternoon offering.

It was announced that the men were ahead of schedule and would complete their meeting Wednesday afternoon. We were slated to end the Convention Thursday noon. Mrs. Thomas Franck moved that we use dispatch and finish Wednesday afternoon. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ward Barber, Vice President, presided while Mrs. G. L. Anderson gave the report of the Women's Missionary Society to Synod.

Miss Helene Harder gave a splendid address, in native costume, on "Teaching Japan's Little Ones."

The reports of the Convention Committees were read and accepted.

Mrs. Harry Allen moved that we leave it to the Executive Committee to decide the amount of gifts since we do not know the total amount of the offerings. Motion carried. Suggestions for the allocation of funds: Love gifts to Miss Lilith Schwab, part on printing of Minutes, meals for guest speakers, gifts to Miss Helene Harder, Miss Agnes Christianson and Sister Ruth Hobbs, expression of appreciation to Immanuel Church and donation to the Kansas Council of Church Women.

An invitation for the 1955 Convention was extended by the Trinity Lutheran Church of Lawrence. This will be our 75th Annual Convention. The first meeting was held at Lawrence. Mrs. Emmerich moved that we tentatively accept the invitation from Lawrence. Motion carried.

The Chairman of the Committee on Officers' Reports was absent and Mrs. R. L. Tonsing moved that the secretary be instructed to write the chairman for the report and that it be accepted by the administrative board. Motion carried. Report was given to the secretary of the banquet. Accepted by the Board.

Mrs. Eller again announced the showing of the Deaconess films.

Mrs. Emmerich announced that the Convention offerings amounted to $190.11.

Announcement was made by Mrs. La Fontaine that the Special Aids Shower was $386.95 and $10.00 has come in since, making a total of $396.95.

All joined in singing "O Zion Haste."

Mrs. George Eller moved that we give the Salina Ladies a rising vote of thanks.

Mrs. W. W. Alexander moved that we give Mrs. Ward Barber, program chairman, a rising vote of thanks.

Mrs. M. H. Barton moved that this Convention be adjourned immediately following the banquet and installation. Motion carried. Thus the Convention closed a half day ahead of schedule.

The President asked all to read the Convention theme and text as a fitting close for this Seventy-fourth Annual Convention.

Report of the Committee on Claims

Mrs. Geo. L. Anderson, President	$19.30
Mrs. Ward Barber, Vice President	19.02
Mrs. John Zimmerman, Recording Secretary	9.47
Mrs. Henry H. Christiansen, Statistical Secretary	3.00
Mrs. C. C. Emmerich, Treasurer	18.15
Mrs. R. R. Frobenius, Thank Offering Secretary	8.25
Mrs. A. C. Larsen, Mission Study Secretary	11.00
Mrs. Geo. Eller, Deaconess Secretary	3.60
Mrs. W. F. Most, Student Secretary	5.40
Mrs. R. L. Tonsing, Patron and Protege Secretary	7.55
Mrs. Frank Buck, Parliamentarian	5.00
Mrs. L. S. La Fontaine, Special Aids Secretary and Delegate from Ft. Smith	27.00
Mrs. Wayne Barthel, Life and In Memoriam Secretary	4.85
Rev. J. F. Shirck, Photo of Life Membership shower and officers	3.00
Pettle's Flowers—for Life Membership Shower	15.61
Hotel Lamer—Dr. Frances Dysinger	2.75
Mrs. E. J. Hirsch, Educational Secretary	6.00
Mrs. G. Nilson, Delegate from Raytown, Mo.—Mission	6.00
Mrs. Howard Darge, delegate from Reformation Church, Wichita — Mission	2.70
Mrs. W. F. Most, travel for delegate from Prairie Village—Mission	5.40
Mrs. Harold Homan, delegate from Bethlehem, North Kansas City, Mo. — Mission	6.00
Mrs. Ellen Schultz, Editor of K.S.L.	3.23
Miss Agnes Christianson, 1 session, travel and "Love Gift"	16.20
Sister Ruth Hobbs, 1 session, travel and "Love Gift"	15.00
Miss Helene Harder, 2 sessions, travel and "Love Gift"	32.00
Dr. Frances Dysinger, 2 sessions and travel	16.00
St. John's Lutheran Ch.—Comp. Meal tackets for guest speakers	18.00
Immanuel Lutheran Church—expression of appreciation	15.00
Miss Christine Hornaday, Letters and Communications Com.	.94
Miss Lilith Schwab—"Love Gift"	25.00
Toward printing of Minutes—to Chas. M. Stark, Treasurer	50.00
Mrs. M. H. Barton, Southern Conference President	2.70
Kansas Council of Church Women	5.00
	$388.12

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Haven Stayton
Mrs. Raymond Korte
Mrs. C. C. Emmerich

Report of Committee on Officers' Reports

The Committee on Officers' Reports of the Kansas Synodical Women's Missionary Society wants to express our grateful thanks for the untiring leadership we have had during the year 1953-54.

We recommend the prayerful co-operation of: (1) To each Mrs. G. L. Anderson's guiding suggestions that we have officially accepted at this meeting, and (2) To the untiring efforts of each Missionary Officer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Clinton J. Muller
Mrs. D. Linn Livers
Mrs. H. H. Wehry

Report of Committee on Departmental Secretaries

Your committee has read the reports of the Departmental Secretaries and has been encouraged that we continue to take forward strides in our purposeful endeavors as exhibited by the increases in gifts; active participation of members; interest in the "under 35" group and in missionary education for our youth.

May we recommend that each member and organization make it her personal task to stress our spiritual growth and to sincerely endeavor to reach increased numbers of women, children and men through personal witness, missionary education and evangelism.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Nora Hahn
Mrs. Charles Reed
Mrs. Car Newcomb

Report of Committee on the Secretary's Minutes

We have read the Secretary's minutes of the Seventy-fourth Annual Convention of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States and have found them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Howard Darge
Mrs. Ray M. Bottorff
Mrs. Harold Homan

Report of the Committee on Resolutions

Your Committee on Resolutions move the adoption of the following report:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. We, the delegates of the 74th convention here assembled, aware of God's providence and His blessings to us, that we seek His way more earnestly, pray more definitely for a sincere desire to learn His will that we may teach and evangelize others.
2. That we appreciate the wise counsel of Dr. F. C. Fry, President of the United Lutheran Church and the inspiring messages of Dr. Frances Dysinger, Mrs. E. F. Tonsing, Miss Helene Harder, Miss Agnes Christensen and Sister Ruth Hobbs, our official guests.

3. That we sincerely thank and appreciate the arduous work of our Synodical President, Mrs. George Anderson and her official staff for their faithful and efficient service and pray God's blessing on the future deliberations that will affect this organization.
4. That we appreciate with gratitude the use of Immanuel Lutheran Church, our host, St. John's Lutheran Church and all others that have contributed to the success and spiritual enjoyment of this convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Thos. Frack
Mrs. L. C. Austin
Mrs. Ralph G. Vague

Report of Committee on Letters and Communications

Greetings from this Convention were sent to the following:
Miss Martha Peterson and Miss Arlene Nestler—Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska
Miss Lilith Schwab, India
Mrs. Harold Kester, Hutchinson, Kansas
Mrs. John B. Moose, our National President
Mrs. Fuller Bergtresser, Abilene, Kansas
Miss Mrytle Wilke, our Missionary from South America who will tour our Synod this fall
Mrs. Henry Christiansen, Kansas City, Kansas
The Reverend John R. Benson, The Reverend Walter H. Moeller
Mayor E. P. Wenger and Mr. H. R. Salmons, Chief of Police, Salina
Mrs. F. W. Juergensen, Wichita, Kansas

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Arthur W. Miller
Miss Christine Hornaday
Mrs. Carl Schuler

Report of the President

As we meet in this 74th annual convention, I first want to express my gratitude for the guidance given me during this past year. Then I want to thank the women of the Missionary Society of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States for their work and co-operation. It is because of His guidance and your help that I can make the report that I am about to make to you.

Instead of repeating the reports of the statistical secretary and the treasurer which I commend to you for careful reading I will simply make the statement that we show significant gains in all departments for the past year. Our total receipts are $16,551.25, which we believe to be a new all-time high. A gain of 138 new members during the year makes our present membership total 1,656 members.

As your President, I have attended the executive meetings at Kansas City, Kansas, and Salina; the meetings of the three conferences at Washington, Lawrence, and Wichita; the Family Camp Committee meeting at Wichita; the Camp Wa-Shun-Ga Committee meeting at Wichita, and the family camp meeting at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga. I have met with several local societies, including the organization meeting of the St. Joseph Vesper group and the joint meeting of the Sedalia, Cole Camp, and Sunrise Beach groups at Sunrise Beach. At the time of convention I hope to have just returned from the president's meeting at Philadelphia.

I should like to propose the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. that we continue to offer two scholarships at Midland College to girls interested in Christian Service.
2. that we make a real effort to reach more than just one-third of our potential membership.
3. that we continue our support of Lilith Schwab.
4. that we support our Family Camp project.
5. that we make a real effort to interest women under 35.
6. that we diligently search for new full-time workers in our Synod.
7. that we offer mission study for all members of our church.
8. that we offer to co-operate with Synod in whatever new challenges that may lie ahead.
9. that we thank the host church and its pastor for inviting us to meet with them this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. George L. Anderson

Report of Vice-President

As vice-president, I have attended Board Meetings in Kansas City, Kansas, September 28, 1953, and in Salina, February 1, 1954. I met with the members of the Program Committee in Salina on February 1. Working with me on the Program Committee were Mrs. W. W. Alexander, Mrs. Wm. Yost and Mrs. Max H. Geissler.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ward Barber

Report of Recording Secretary

A recording secretary's report must of necessity be the usual one of the annual convention as well as the Executive Board meetings. This I have done. I have attended the convention and all Board meetings and written reports for all officers and board members. I have made reports for the "Kansas Synod Lutheran" and many individual letters. I have prepared the pre-convention bulletin for printing as well as the Minutes for the Minutes of Synod.

Mrs. John Zimmerman

Report of Statistical Secretary

Facts and Figures

The statistical reports of our Synodical Societies indicate that progress is being made in nearly all departments. An increase of 3 societies this past year brings our total to 52, of which 18 are operating under the unified plan.

Our total membership is now 1656. Approximate figures show that we have about 4913 women over 18 years of age in our congregations; therefore we are reaching about one third of our women, which is the percentage shown in the national report compiled by Mrs. Knauss. We gained 138 new members this past year compared with 113 the year before.

Of the 1656 members, 314, or about 20 per cent, are under 35 years of age. Of the total, 1408 are homemakers, 236 business and professional women, and 12 are students.

Some gains were made in the Mission Study Department, although fewer societies participated in Week of Prayer. Reports show 911 subscriptions to "Lutheran Woman's Work." Only about 50 per cent, or 845 members, use some form of daily devotional material.

An increase is shown in our efforts to reach nonmembers through personal invitations and meetings planned especially for nonmembers. A decrease in the number of Thank Offering Services. Societies sending in quarterly thank offering, and societies having increased thank offering is shown on the reports. There was a slight gain in Patron and Protege Dept., and a larger gain in Life Memberships and In Memoriams. Special Aids showed a decided gain in boxes both to home and foreign fields.

We have 5 women attending Lutheran Institutions, 70 in Non-Lutheran Institutions, and 4 in Nurses Training.

Mrs. Henry H. Christiansen

Report of Eastern Conference

The Eastern Conference of the Women's Missionary Society held two meetings the past year. An all day meeting convened at the First Lutheran Church, Topeka, on June 24, 1953, and a joint meeting with Brotherhood and Luther League at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lawrence, on October 18, 1953.

The June meeting opened with devotionals by Mrs. E. J. Hirsch. Greetings were extended by Mrs. George L. Anderson, president of the Synodical society. Mrs. Anderson reported on membership of the Conference, and urged participation in the Family Camp at Wa-Shun-Ga. Synodical officers present were introduced. Miss Marian Baughman, Topeka, gave the address of the morning, "The Christian Approach to Social Work." Afternoon devotional was conducted by Miss Martha Peterson, Kansas City, Kansas, one of our scholarship students at Midland College. A youth panel under Luther League sponsorship presented the program

for the afternoon, "What Youth Expects of the Church." Officers elected were: president, Mrs. Duane Skogen; vice-president, Mrs. Clarence Murphree; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Sherman Frederick.

Mrs. Skogen presided at the meeting in October. Interesting reports were given by Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, national board member; Mrs. George L. Anderson, president of the Synodical society spoke. Valuable information was presented by the other Synodical officers present. Mrs. H. V. Baird was elected secretary-treasurer and installed by Mrs. Tonsing. A questionnaire buzz session was held with the following leaders: Mrs. George L. Anderson, Mrs. H. C. Christiansen, Mrs. Ernest Tonsing. The group joined the Brotherhood and Luther League for the evening worship. Dr. E. B. Keisler, president of Central Lutheran Theological Seminary, was the speaker.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Duane Skogen

Report of Western Conference

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Western Conference was held October 14, at Good Shepherd Church, Washington.

The theme was: "Making His Way Known Through Teaching." Inspirational morning and afternoon devotions were given by Mrs. Ward Barber, Abilene, and entitled "Jesus, the Master Teacher," and "Every Christian a Teacher."

Total registration was 95. Four ministers attended. The total collection was $71.00, and was sent to Midland Scholarship, Konnarock, Japan, and Miss Lilith Schwab.

Mrs. H. H. Bernhardt, Washington, extended greetings and Mrs. L. D. Diedrichs, Greenleaf, responded.

Mrs. Ernest Tonsing gave the morning address entitled "That Thy Way Be Known." Sharing her usual pep and enthusiasm, she gave us all the desire to deepen our spiritual life and uncover ways to "make His Way known on earth, His saving health among all nations."

Mrs. Wayne Barthel, Chapman, Life Membership and In Memoriam Secretary, spoke on department plans and goals.

Miss Ellen Schultz, Salina, editor, told us how to report our news for the W.M.S. page in the "Kansas Synod Lutheran."

The morning session closed with the Missionary Benediction and Lord's Prayer. Dinner was enjoyed together at noon on the balcony of the Colonial cafe.

Organ music played by Mrs. JoAnn Holmes, Washington, added to the conference. Special music for the afternoon session was a vocal duet by Mrs. Willis Leseberg and Mrs. Wilbur Kohlmeyer. The Washington County Chorus also sang two numbers.

Our Synodical president, Mrs. George L. Anderson, Lawrence, brought us an efficient and timely outline of our goals in "Making His Way Known Through Teaching." She concluded "The most important thing in leading others to Christ is you—how you live day by day, and this leading cannot be rushed."

The business meeting followed. Chapman issued the invitation for next year. Mr. Ernest Tonsing installed the following re-elected officers:

President—Mrs. Gerald Klema, Wilson

Vice-President—Mrs. Burl Pepper, Abilene

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Florence Kilian, Chapman

After the missionary hymn, Rev. H. H. Bernhardt, Washington, pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Gerald Klema

Report of Southern Conference

The Southern Conference of the Women's Missionary Society met at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wichita, Kansas, Nov. 3, 1953, convening at the same time as the Southern Conference of Synod.

The Sacrament of the Holy Communion was administered to the joint groups at 9:00 a.m. Mrs. M. H. Barton, Conference President, called the women to order at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Vincent Coppola extended the Conference welcome and the response was given by Mrs. Harry Simons. Two Synodical officers, the president Mrs. George L. Anderson and the treasurer Mrs. C. C. Emmerich, were present and reported on the work of their respective offices. Mrs. R. L. Tonsing spoke briefly on Family Camp and Patron Protege. Mrs. A. Larsen presented Study and Mrs. Harold Kester urged societies to enlarge their subscription lists for Woman's Work.

Mrs. T. A. Frack gave inspiring devotions using the theme "Making His Way Known Through Teaching." Mrs. R. S. Orr was chairman of a panel discussion "Spanish Speaking Americans in the U. S. A." Dr. T. Benton Peery brought high lights from the United Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference of 1953, held in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The registrar, Mrs. Fred Juergensen, reported 92 present with 9 children in the nursery. This fine attendance exceeded a high of 71 in 1949. From the Conference offering of $98.12, fifty dollars was voted for the Midland Scholarship fund. Mrs. M. H. Barton was re-elected, likewise Mrs. Ray Stromer, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. L. E. Schonholtz elected vice-president.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. M. H. Barton

Report of Life Membership and In Memoriam Secretary

We are thankful to note an increase in our Life Membership contributions for the year 1953.

The statistics:

Life Membership	115	$ 1,150.00
In Memoriams	7	175.00

Transferrals	12	180.00
Total	134	$ 1,505.00
Total (1952)	113	$ 1,295.00
Gain	21	$ 190.00

Two letters promoting and explaining the Life Membership and In Memoriam Department have been sent to each Synodical Society, and two articles have been prepared for the "Kansas Synod Lutheran." Your Secretary has also attended the two annual board meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Wayne Barthel

Report of Patron and Protege Secretary

Native Workers

4 NW India	Gospel Messenger Class through Mary and Martha Circle, Rockport, Mo.	$ 50.00
58 NW India	Dr. and Mrs. Karl Scholz through W.M.S., Lancaster, Kan.	50.00
136 NW India	S.S. class through W.M.S., Lawrence, Kan.	50.00
200 NW India	Progressive Circle through W.M.S., Lawrence, Kan.	50.00
254 NW India	Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Rumberger through W.M.S., St. Mark's, K. C., Mo. (canceled)	18.75
294 NW India	W.O.C., Hutchinson, Kan.	100.00
309 NW India	St. Joseph, Mo.	50.00
310 NW India	Dramatics Club through W.M.S., St. Jo., Mo.	50.00
384 NW India	"A Friend," through W.M.S., Rockport, Mo.	50.00
385 NW India	Mission Daughters, St. Paul's, Wichita	50.00
386 NW India	Lael Class, through Mission Daughters, St. Paul's Wichita	50.00
387 NW India	W.M.S., St. Paul's, Wichita	50.00
491 NW Japan	W.O.C., Hutchinson	150.00
494 NW Japan	W.M.S., WaKeeney, Kan.	50.00
514 NW Japan	Mission Daughters, St. Paul's Wichita (partial)	50.00
552*NW India	W.M.S., by "A Friend," Rockport, Mo.	35.00
** NW India	W.M.S., Children's Memorial, K. C., Mo.	50.00
572*NW Japan	W.O.C., Salina (partial)	50.00
573*NW Japan	W.O.C., Salina (partial)	50.00
TOTAL		$1,053.75

Scholarships

64 W Africa	W.M.S., St. Paul's, Wichita	$ 40.00
87 W Liberia	W.O.C., Salina	65.00
121 W India	W.O.C., Emporia	25.00

134 W	S. America—Sunday school, through W.M.S., St. Paul's, Wichita	60.00
141 W	India—W.M.S., Greenleaf	25.00
207 W	India—Ladies' Bible Class through W.M.S., St. Mark's, Kansas City, Mo.	18.75
331 W	Argentina—W.M.S., St. Mark's, K. C., Mo.	60.00
338 W	Liberia—W.M.S., Lawrence	40.00
356 W	India—Sunday school through W.O.C., Topeka	25.00
545*W	India—W.M.S., Lancaster, Kan.	25.00
754 W	India—W.M.S., Wilson, Kan.	25.00
770 W	India—W.M.S., Hays, Kan.	10.00
781 W	Konnarock—W.O.C., Abilene, Kan.	50.00
782 W	Japan—Mission Daughters, St. Paul's Wichita	50.00
935 W	Africa—Sunday school through Missionites, Atchison	40.00
1013 W	Japan W.M.S., Children's Memorial, K. C., Mo.	50.00
1014 W	Japan—W.M.S., Children's Memorial, K. C., Mo.	50.00
1083 W	Japan—W.M.S., St. Joseph, Mo.	50.00
1186 W	India—Sunday school through W.M.S., Waterville, Kan.	25.00
1262 W	Argentina—W.M.S., Circle 1, Bendena, Kan.	60.00
1264 W	Konnarock—W.M.S., WaKeeney, Kan.	25.00
1337 W	Japan—W.M.S., Greenleaf, Kan.	50.00
1348 W	Japan—W.M.S., Rockport, Mo.	50.00
1354 W	India—Martha Society, Peabody, Kan.	40.00
1355 W	Japan—W.M.S., Circle 2, Bendena, Kan.	—
1358 W	Japan—W.M.S., Peabody, Kan.	50.00
1388 W	Argentina—W.M.S., Fort Smith, Ark.	60.00
1543 W	India—W.M.S., St. Paul's, Wichita	25.00
1717*W	India—Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Rumberger through W.M.S., S. Mark's, Kansas City, Mo.	25.00
1732*W	India—W.O.C., Salina	25.00
	TOTAL	$1,143.73

Babies, Orphans and Aged

35 W	Liberia Baby—Lael Class through Mission Daughters, St. Paul's Wichita	$ 50.00
70 W	Liberia Baby—High School Class through W.M.S., Rockport, Mo.	50.00
316 W	Virgin Islands, Sick Baby—W.M.S., Beloit, Kan.	40.00
624 W	Japan Colony of Mercy—W.M.S., St. Paul's Church	25.00
750 W	Virgin Islands, Sick Baby—W.O.C., Salina	40.00
739 W	Japan, Old Person Colony of Mercy, W.M.S., Greenleaf, Kan. (partial)	10.00
1232 W	Virgin Islands, Sick Baby—W.M.S., Glasco, Kan.	40.00
1356 W	Japan, Old Person Colony of Mercy, Mary and Martha Circle, Rockport, Mo.	25.00
1394 W	Japan, Old Person Colony of Mercy—W.M.S., Atchison	25.00
1501 W	Japan, Old Person Colony of Mercy—W.M.S., St. Mark's, Kansas City, Mo.	25.00

1362*W India, Orphan—Junior Department through King's Daughters, St. Mark's, Kansas City, Mo.	40.00
Miscellaneous	
India, Mission Guild, Valley Falls, Kan. (partial)	$ 5.00
To be used where needed, Women's Guild, Tulsa, Okla.	10.00
TOTAL	$ 385.00
GRAND TOTAL	$2,582.50

*New this year.

**No number assigned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. L. Tonsing

Report of Special Aids Secretary

Bandages (Convention Shower)	$394.80
Kodai Konal Sale	40.00
Blocks for Phoebe Hospital	11.06
Japan (Flood Relief)	127.35
India (Flood Relief)	95.00
Konnarock	17.50
Lilith Schwab—Special Gifts	95.00
Undesignated	80.81
Total 1953	$861.52

Our cash gifts to Special Aids have shown a substantial increase for the year 1953. For this we are indeed grateful.

A total of 66 boxes were sent to North American Missions and a total of 76 boxes were sent to World Missions.

Our Synodical Mission, "Tabitha Home," also shared in our box work and gifts.

Articles were written for the "Kansas Synod Lutheran," and the "Quarterly Bulletin." Letters were sent to the individual societies. Correspondence concerning the department was answered. One Board Meeting was attended.

Our response to the emergencies in Japan and India has been deeply appreciated.

In "Special Aids" may we ever keep in mind the words of our Lord when He said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. L. S. La Fontaine

Thank Offering Report

To "Make His Way Known Through Thank Offering," special emphasis has been placed on achieving three goals. They are:

1. Every individual member observing Thank Offering every day.
2. Every congregational society having quarterly ingatherings of Thank Offering gifts.
3. Every congregational society holding an annual Public Thank Offering Service.

From 53 women's organizations of our Synod the total Thank Offering received in 1953 was $6,543.11. We are grateful for this response.

"A daily gift, a daily prayer," is the slogan that helps us increase our Thank Offering. The result then, "goes into all the world" and does its work. The Power of Thank Offering is unlimited.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. R. Frobenius

Report of Promotional Secretary

Although Kansas as a Synodical group attained one of its goals the past year, that of having an organization in every congregation, there is yet much work to be done. Our goal for the year has been to include the "under 30" group as well, and to increase our spiritual growth.

One new society, that of St. Joseph, Missouri, was formally organized; a group of girls are meeting in Salina with organization in mind. Your Secretary traveled in November to Norcatur, where the work was presented to a group of women who meet occasionally. While there is no regular service, there is hope that the seed has been planted.

It has been my privilege to attend two meetings of the General Board and of the National Committee for Promotion, where much time was devoted to discussion of the "Unified Plan," "in order to reach more women in the congregation with missionary education." I also attended Western and Eastern Conference meetings, and the conference for foreign missions in Atlantic City, N. J., have written two articles for the "Kansas Synod Lutheran," and have sent two promotional letters to presidents.

Let us pray for continued growth both spiritually and numerically, so that "Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations."

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Tonsing

Report of Deaconess Secretary

Our need for more Deaconesses and full-time workers is great. We have two filmstrips in our synodical library with which we can tell our youth about that need. Please use them.

Due to illness Mrs. Wm. Hogrefe resigned and your president asked me to finish this term.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. George Eller

Report of Student Secretary

The Annual Student Census, sponsored by the Board of Education of United Lutheran Church was conducted in October and November, 1953. It revealed that out of 181 Kansas Synod students attending colleges and universities, 11 are attending Lutheran institutions. Five of these are preparing for the ministry, one for the diaconate and one for parish work.

The names of all students were sent to the Lutheran Student Pastors of their particular institution and to the National Board of Education, and student nurses names were sent to the Lutheran Nurses Guild.

Miss Martha Peterson, Kansas City, Kansas, and Miss Arlene Nestler, Atchison, Kansas, are the two Midland College students from Synod sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society during the current school year.

In addition to the letters required in conducting the student census, the student secretary carried on correspondence with the two young women at Midland and also wrote an item for the "Kansas Synod Lutheran."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. W. F. Most

Report of Education Secretary

Since the first of June, 1953, I have the following to report: I attended one Executive Board Meeting, sent in an article to the "Kansas Synod Lutheran" and had correspondence with different secretaries. I wish to report in addition to the literature sold at convention, which was $35.75, these sales: Camp Wa-Shun-Ga Mission Retreat—$61.05; Southern Conference—$30.32; Eastern Conference—$17.95, or a total of $145.07. I am happy to report the youth books sold better than the adult.

An increase in monthly program packets and especially the new Twelve-Program series "Beginning With Me," by Herzel are becoming very popular, especially suitable for new mission churches. This indicates a sustained interest in missionary education. There has also been an increase in sales in "Who" by Cahon, leaflets, visual aids, magazines and mission study. I want to thank the women who handled the sale of literature at the camp and the conferences where I couldn't attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. E. J. Hirsch

Report of Magazine Secretary

Fifty-four societies reported a membership of 1636; an increase of 118 over last year. The Lutheran Women's Work has a subscription of 889, an increase of 29. There were four honor societies. However, five societies did not report their subscriptions. I attended both Board meetings, sent out a letter and had two articles in the "Kansas Synod Lutheran," and spoke on the LWW at Southern Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Harold L. Kester

Report of Mission Study Secretary

Mission Study books for the past year gave us a stimulating study of Home Missions and Human Rights. For our Foreign theme we read about Africa.

The following is a report for 1953:

1. Number of Study Groups
   Home Theme—20
   Foreign Theme—45
   Number of Persons Attending
   Home Theme—241
   Foreign Theme—242
2. Book Reviews
   Home Theme—12
   Foreign Theme—15
   Number of Persons Attending
   Home Theme—225
   Foreign Theme—406
3. Number of Persons Completing Reading Course—55
4. Lenten Week of Prayer
   Number Societies Observing—20
   Number Meetings Held—65
   Number Societies Using Material Prepared by the Educational Division of W.M.S.—20
   Number Societies Participating in World Day of Prayer—44
   Number Societies Using Daily Devotional Materials—845

There was a decrease of eight completing the Reading Course compared to the year before, but we are pleased over the increased attendance at the Book Reviews. However, more of our women should take advantage of the Christian inspiration and information that comes from reading the Mission Study Books.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. A. C. Larsen

Report of Historian

I have filed minutes of the executive meeting at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Kansas City, September 28, 1953, and minutes of the newly organized Women of the Church groups at St. Joseph, Missouri, June 9, 1953, and at Raytown, Missouri, April 9, 1953. Pictures of Christmas meeting of the Women of the Church at Topeka, 1952, and one of the group at Synod at Hutchinson taken in April, 1953, and two of our former Synodical presidents have been added to our picture album.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. H. Owen

Report of Editor for "The Kansas Synod Lutheran"

News and items of interest and information from our Missionary Societies and department secretaries have appeared in all issues of the "Kansas Synod Lutheran" the past year. I appreciate the help everyone has given me, especially Reverend Tonsing, Mrs. G. L. Anderson, the Synodical president, and all the department secretaries. Your cooperation has meant very much to me. I recommend that we continue to publish the Missionary News in the "Kansas Synod Lutheran."

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Schultz

LIST OF PRESIDENTS—1954

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atchison WMS—Mrs. Lars Larson, 1017 Division, Atchison, Kan.
Atchison Missionites—Mrs. Mary Mangelsdorf, 935 Kansas Ave., Atchison, Kan.
Bendena Circle No. 1—Mrs. George Albers, Bendena, Kan.
Bendena Circle No. 2—Mrs. William Laverentz, Bendena, Kan.
Bendena Moray—Mrs. Martin Boersting, Troy, Kan.
Cole Camp WOC—Mrs. C. J. Schwensen, Mora, Mo.
K. C., Kan., Trinity WMS—Mrs. Frank Carlson, 3601 Wood, K. C., Kan.
K. C., Kan., Trinity Phila.—Mrs. Robert W. Edwards, 201 North 30th, K. C., Kan.
K. C., Mo., Bethlehem WOC—Mrs. Allen Slagle, 1240 E. 43rd Terr., N. K. C. 16, Mo.
K. C., Mo., Ch. Mem. WMS—Mrs. Fred Allen, 3912 Bales, K. C., Mo.
K. C., Mo., St. Mark's WMS—Miss Harriet Kjerulff, 314 E. 33rd St., K. C., Mo.
K. C., Mo., St. Mark's KD—Miss Betty Gearey, 3448 Campbell, K. C., Mo.
Lancaster WMS—Mrs. Oliver McLenon, Lancaster, Kan.
Langdon WOC—Mrs. Herman Tiemeyer, Langdon, Mo.
Lawrence WMS—Mrs. Barbara Burnett, 2200 Barker, Lawrence, Kan.
Lawrence Ev. Section—Mrs. Mary Jean Sneegas, 117 Pawnee, Lawrence, Kan.
Prairie Village WOC—Miss Elsie Schaefer, 4271 E. 60th Terr., K. C., Mo.
Prairie Village Evg. Sec.—Mrs. Josephine Sams, 3800 Central Ave., K. C., Mo.
Raytown Blue Ridge WOC—Mrs. A. Hilliard, 9316 E. 39th, K. C. 29, Mo.
Rock Port WMS—Mrs. Ben B. Gebhards, Rock Port, Mo.
Rock Port Mary and Martha—Mrs. Martha Boatman, Rock Port, Mo.
Sedalia WOC—Mrs. C. Ficken, 1800 S. Missouri, Sedalia, Mo.
St. Joseph WMS—Mrs. Emma Nelson, 2124 Marion, St. Joseph, Mo.
St. Joseph Vesper—Mrs. H. W. Fricke, 2903 Angelique, St. Joseph, Mo.

Sunrise Beach WOC—Mrs. Reta Butcher, Hurricane Deck, Mo. (Star Route)
Topeka WOC—Mrs. Paul Stolpe, 2809 West Tenth, Topeka, Kan.
Topeka Ev. Section—Mrs. P. L. Kramer, 411 West 7th, Topeka, Kan.
Valley Falls Miss. Guild—Mrs. Blanche Glassel, Valley Falls, Kan.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Abilene WOC—Mrs. Ivan Roberson, 201 N. W. Tenth, Abilene, Kan.
Abilene Evg. Sec.—Mrs. Alvin Strunk, 106 S. W. Second, Abilene, Kan.
Beloit WOC—Mrs. Bernice Bruce, 612 N. Broadway, Beloit, Kan.
Chapman WMS—Mrs. Glen Miller, Chapman, Kan.
Glasco WMS—Miss Sophie Horn, Glasco, Kan.
Greenleaf WMS—Mrs. D. C. Parker, Greenleaf, Kan.
Hays WMS—Mrs. C. F. Wiest, 503 W. 7th, Hays, Kan.
Marysville WOC—Mrs. John Vail, Treasurer, Waterville, Kan.
Mentor WMS—Mrs. Ebba Forsberg, Mentor, Kan.
New Cambria WOC—Mrs. Earl Callabresi, New Cambria, Kan.
Salina WOC—Mrs. Carl Johnson, Route 1, Salina, Kan.
Salina Konnarock Sec.—Mrs. Sidney Schultz, 721 E. Elm St., Salina, Kan.
WaKeeney WMS—Mrs. John Gaither, WaKeeney, Kan.
Washington G. Shep. WMS—Mrs. Laura Waterman, Washington, Kan.
Washington St. P. WMS—Miss Ruth Waterman, Washington, Kan.
Waterville, Hebron—Mrs. Oliver Hawkinson, Waterville, Kan.
Waterville WMS—Miss Anna Nelson, Waterville, Kan.
Wilson, Excelsior—Mrs. Ed Hanzlicek, Wilson, Kan.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Emporia WOC—Miss Catherine Ellenberger, 416 Exchange, Emporia, Kan.
Emporia Evening Sec.—Mrs. L. Tom Van Sicle, 9 Neosho St., Emporia, Kan.
Eureka Cotta—Mrs. Herbert Rockhill, 501 N. St. Nicholas, Eureka, Kan.
Ft. Smith WMS—Mrs. Paul Adrion, 1501 Spring St., Ft. Smith, Ark.
Hutchinson WOC—Mrs. H. L. Kester, 106 W. 22nd, Hutchinson, Kan.
Peabody WMS—Mrs. H. H. Wehry, 701 N. Sycamore, Peabody, Kan.
Peabody Martha—Mrs. Fred Burdorf, Route 3, Peabody, Kan.
Perth WOC—Mrs. Chas. Rerick, Milan, Kan.
Tulsa WOC—Mrs. D. A. Busch, 3757 S. Wheeling, Tulsa, Okla.
Wellington WMS—Mrs. Thos. Frack, 123 N. Poplar, Wellington, Kan.
Wellington Fidelis—Mrs. R. C. Matthews, 824 N. Olive, Wellington, Kan.
Wichita Reform. WOC—Mrs. Wm. Laughlin, 609 Apache Road, Wichita, Kan.
Wichita St. P. WMS—Mrs. R. S. Orr, 3506 E. English, Wichita, Kan.
Wichita Miss. Daughters—Mrs. John Cole, 942 Litchfield, Wichita, Kan.

Report of the Treasurer

(Additional information regarding chart on following page)

Included in Totals—
Kodia Kanal Sale, India—Hutchinson, W.O.C. $5.00
K.C., Mo., St. Mark's W.M.S. $10.00, Langdon W.D.C. $5.00
Wichita, St. Paul's W.M.S. $10.00, Topeka W.O.C. $10.00
Total $40.00; disbursed $40.00

Lilith Schwab Spec. Gifts—Greenleaf W.M.S. $5.00
K.C., Mo., St. Mark's W.M.S. $10.00, Wichita St. Paul's W.M.S. $10.00
Eastern Conference $35.00, Southern Conference $11.00
Western Conference, $24.00; Total $95.00; disbursed $95.00

Rocky Boy, Spiritual Bouquet—Langdon, W.O.C. $5.00; disbursed $5.00

Epiphany Appeal—Hutchinson W.O.C. $10.00; disbursed $10.00

Blocks for Phoebe Hospital
Wichita, St. Paul's W.M.S. $11.06; disbursed $$11.06

We have this date January 30, 1954, audited the books of the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. C. C. Emmerich, and find the balance as of January 1, 1954—$1,545.38 to be correct.

Mrs. F. W. Juergensen
Mrs. L. S. Bauerle

Report of the Treasurer

Year 1953

Church and Society

	Thank Offering	Gen.Fund & L.Schreb Fund	Synod.Fund & Kidland Scholarship	Patron and Protege	Life Membership	In Memoriam & Transferral	Special Aids	Tabitha Home	Amelia D.Kemp Mem.Fund	Miscellaneous	Totals
Abilene, W. O. C.	$ 114.58	$ 117.32	$ 23.60	$ 50.00	$ 10.00	$ 15.00	$ 26.20	$	$ 5.00	$	$ 361.70
Atchison, W. M. S.	136.55	90.50	20.00	25.00	10.00		20.00				302.05
Atchison, Missionites	40.60	24.40	9.80	40.00	10.00						124.80
Beloit, W. M. S.	105.50	85.00	3.00	40.00			13.65				247.15
Bendena, W. M. S. Circle No. 1	104.25	79.50	16.00	60.00		25.00	40.00		10.00		334.75
Bendena, W. M. S. Circle No. 2	51.80	36.11	.05		10.00		15.00				112.96
Bendena, Morey Society	29.00	36.00	10.00								75.00
Chapman, W. M. S.	92.38	38.13	18.69		10.00		22.92		6.48		188.60
Cole Camp, W. M. S.	104.02	33.97	6.81		10.00		5.00		5.00		164.80
Emporia, W. O. C.	120.28	36.38	18.00	25.00	20.00		28.00				247.66
Eureka, Cotta Society	105.80	23.09	3.61		10.00		10.00				152.50
Ft. Smith, W. M. S.	37.60	46.79	18.27	60.00	30.00		10.04		10.00		212.70
Glasco, W. M. S.	41.60	39.58	10.35	40.00			5.00				136.53
Greenleaf, W. M. S.	88.06	58.29	12.27	85.00	30.00		10.00	10.00		5.00	298.62
Hays, W. M. S.	78.22	23.00		10.00	20.00	25.00	5.00				161.22
Hutchinson, W. O. C.	183.41	144.51	35.49	250.00	60.00		5.00	68.62	16.72	15.00	778.75
K. C. Kans., W. M. S.	90.95	42.53	19.25		20.00	30.00	18.69				221.42
K. C. Kans., Philadora	167.02	72.73	35.28		10.00		10.00				295.03
K. C., Mo. Children's Mem. W. M. S.	239.17	168.15	58.39	150.00	60.00		60.00				735.71
K. C. Mo. St. Mark's, W. M. S.	123.00	148.00	26.00	147.50	20.00		47.00			20.00	531.50
K. C. Mo. St. Mark's King's Daughters	102.52	121.79	5.89	40.00	10.00		5.00				285.20
Lancaster, W. M. S.	170.53	57.00	7.60	75.00	10.00		15.00				335.13
Langdon, W. O. C.	180.49	42.69	9.46		20.00	15.00	10.00		5.00	10.00	292.64
Lawrence, W. M. S.	360.00	163.00	60.00	140.00	60.00	50.00	33.45		11.50		877.95
Marysville, W. O. C.	32.11	13.59	2.86								48.56

Mentor, W. M. S.	52.21		10.00		10.00		5.00				77.21
New Cambria, W. M. S.	2.45	11.55									14.00
North E. C., Mo. W. M. S.	28.21	69.20	7.60		20.00		5.00				130.01
Peabody, W. M. S.	110.00	48.30	5.90	50.00	40.00	25.00	10.00				289.20
Peabody, Martha Society	74.30	67.60	14.30	40.00	10.00		18.00	20.00			244.10
Perth, Federated Miss. Society	33.09	10.34					7.26				57.69
Prairie Village, W. C. C.	133.93	60.63	65.62		10.00		5.00				275.18
Raytown, W. C. C.	14.86										14.86
Rock Port, Mary & Martha	96.28	33.03	6.94	75.00	10.00		10.00				221.25
Rock Port, W. M. S.	129.66	37.30	7.83	185.00	10.00		5.00				374.69
Sedalia											
Salina, W. C. C.	484.65	90.22	26.69	230.00	20.00	15.00	15.00				881.56
St. Joseph, W. M. S.	242.89	161.29	27.25	150.00	160.00	15.00	10.00				766.13
St. Joseph, Vesper Society	59.48	19.95	10.00								89.43
Sunrise Beach, W. C. C.	29.98	8.54									38.52
Topeka, W. C. C.	223.55	94.73	144.73	25.00	90.00	15.00	10.00			10.00	613.01
Tulsa, Women's Guild	238.78	121.13	48.10	10.00	10.00		8.75				436.76
Valley Falls, Mission Guild	99.86	62.00	5.00	5.00	50.00		10.00		2.00		233.86
Wakeeney, W. M. S.	96.12	60.48	12.53	75.00	40.00		20.00		5.00		309.13
Washington, Good Shepherd, W. M. S.	61.03	21.03	5.27		10.00		2.50				119.83
Washington, St. Paul's W. M. S.	37.75	16.57	1.00								55.32
Waterville, W. M. S.	39.03	29.68	7.14	25.00		15.00	5.00				120.85
Waterville, Hebron Society	20.00	7.00	8.00				10.00				45.00
Wellington, W. M. S.	74.04		6.00		30.00	15.00	16.60		7.80		141.44
Wellington, Fidelis	33.06	24.76	5.00				5.40		5.50		72.72
Wichita, Reformation, W. C. C.	54.34	16.40	8.20				10.00				88.94
Wichita, St. Paul's W. M. S.	617.85	201.84	139.13	200.00	110.00	70.00	20.00	79.50	5.00	31.06	1,464.48
Wichita, St. Paul's Mission Daughters	388.26	163.01	107.07	250.00	90.00	25.00	25.00	135.00			1,193.34
Wilson, W. M. S.	149.21	30.46	13.07	25.00			20.00		6.55		244.29
Eastern Conference			45.00				15.00			35.00	95.00
Southern Conference			30.00							11.00	61.00
Western Conference			15.00				30.00			24.00	69.00
Convention Offerings & Pro. Fund			109.52								109.52
Total Receipts	$4,343.11	$3,216.99	$1,211.46	$2,583.50	$1,150.00	$355.00	$715.46	$313.13	$101.55	$161.06	$16,551.35
Bal. forward from 1952			899.58								899.58
Disbursements	4,314.48	3,144.18	1,241.13	2,557.50	1,150.00	355.00	645.46	313.13	101.55	161.06	14,903.45
Bal. forward to 1954	$ 328.63	$ 72.81	$1,069.91	$ 25.00			$ 80.00				$ 1,549.58

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Organized October 14, 1880

Year	Place	President	Secretary	Treasurer
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1881	Bunkerhill	Mrs. S. S. Waltz	Mrs. I. M. Yost	Mrs. H. F. Long
1882	Salina	Mrs. T. F. Dornblaser	Mrs. J. A. Bright	Mrs. H. F. Long
1883	Eureka	Mrs. T. F. Dornblaser	Mrs. J. E. Herbst	Mrs. A. J. Kissell
1884	Topeka	Mrs. A. J. Kissell	Mrs. J. M. Cromer	Mrs. J. A. Bright
1885	Peabody	Mrs. M. J. Schauer	Mrs. F. D. Altman	Mrs. J. E. Herbst
1886	Waterville	Mrs. O. J. Peters	Mrs. L. L. Belmer	Mrs. J. E. Herbst
1887	Abilene	Mrs. L. L. Belmer	Amanda Boorey	Mrs. J. E. Herbst
1888	Lawrence	Mrs. J. M. Cromer	Mrs. H. Jones	Mrs. S. Rentz
1889	Atchison	Mrs. T. L. Bond	Mrs. J. M. Searles	Mrs. S. Rentz
1890	Salina	Mrs. T. L. Bond	Mrs. J. M. Searles	Mrs. A. M. Porch
1891	Emporia	Mrs. T. L. Bond	Mrs. J. M. Searles	Mrs. A. M. Porch
1892	Kansas City	Mrs. T. L. Bond	Mrs. J. M. Searles	Mrs. A. M. Porch
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1895	Abilene	Mrs. Ella C. Beegie	Mrs. J. N. Lentz	Mrs. M. F. Selig
1896	Lawrence	Mrs. T. L. Bond	Mrs. R. H. Williams	Mrs. John Hoffer
1897	Peabody	Mrs. T. L. Bond	Mrs. R. H. Williams	Mrs. John Hoffer
1898	Hutchinson	Mrs. John Hoffer	Josephine Maedel	Mrs. G. S. Funk
1899	Atchison	Mrs. L. S. Keyser	Josephine Maedel	Mrs. G. S. Funk
1900	Waterville	Mrs. L. S. Keyser	Ada Livers	Mrs. H. A. Ott
1901	Wellington	Mrs. L. S. Keyser	Ada Livers	Mrs. H. A. Ott
1902	Salina	Mrs. T. L. Bond	Mrs. C. N. Swihart	Mrs. J. W. Ball
1903	St. Joseph	Mrs. T. L. Bond	Mrs. H. L. Humphrey	Miss Lena Korn
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1912	Hays	Mrs. W. H. Schrock	Mrs. Andreas Bard	Mrs. H. L. Humphrey
1913	St. Joseph	Mrs. H. L. Humphrey	Mrs. Andreas Bard	Mrs. E. E. Stauffer
1914	Eureka	Mrs. A. R. Schrader	Mrs. W. B. Winzenried	Mrs. H. Runkle
1915	Topeka	Mrs. M. F. Troxell	Mrs. W. B. Winzenried	Mrs. H. Runkle
1916	Lawrence	Mrs. C. S. Brewer	Mrs. Thos. Frack	Mrs. P. Mennenoeh
1917	Wichita	Mrs. C. S. Brewer	Mrs. Thos. Frack	Mrs. H. Runkle
1918	Lawrence	Mrs. W. B. Winzenried	Mrs. W. D. Ziegler	Mrs. H. Runkle
1919	Salina	Mrs. W. B. Winzenried	Mrs. H. W. Hanshue	Mrs. G. G. Clark
1920	Atchison	Mrs. W. B. Winzenried	Mrs. A. L. Groseclose	Mrs. G. G. Clark
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1922	Peabody	Mrs. S. S. Kauffman	Mrs. A. L. Groseclose	Mrs. G. G. Clark
1923	Hutchinson	Mrs. Thos. Frack	Nellie F. Pugh	Mrs. G. G. Clark
1924	Wellington	Mrs. Thos. Frack	Nellie F. Pugh	Mrs. G. G. Clark
1925	Abilene	Mrs. H. Runkle	Mrs. E. C. Almquist	Mrs. E. S. Gaston
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1929	Kansas City	Mrs. D. L. McConnell	Mrs. R. R. Bang	Mrs. W. H. Rippel
1930	Lawrence	Mrs. E. C. Almquist	Mrs. G. C. Smith	Mrs. W. C. Miller
1931	Hays	Mrs. E. C. Almquist	Mrs. G. C. Smith	Mrs. W. C. Miller
1932	Hutchinson	Mrs. G. K. Mykland	Mrs. F. W. Juergensen	Mrs. G. C. Smith
1933	Topeka	Mrs. G. K. Mykland	Mrs. F. W. Juergensen	Mrs. G. C. Smith
1934	St. Joseph	Mrs. G. C. Smith	Mrs. W. W. Klover	Mrs. F. W. Juergensen
1935	Tulsa	Mrs. G. C. Smith	Mrs. W. W. Klover	Mrs. F. W. Juergensen
1936	Salina	Mrs. J. P. Jensen	Mrs. E. P. Boersch	Mrs. F. W. Juergensen
1937	Wichita	Mrs. J. P. Jensen	Mrs. E. P. Boersch	Mrs. F. W. Juergensen
1938	Oklahoma City	Mrs. F. W. Juergensen	Mrs. G. L. Search	Mrs. W. C. Jacobson
1939	Kansas City	Mrs. F. W. Juergensen	Mrs. G. L. Search	Mrs. W. C. Jacobson
1940	Atchison	Mrs. W. W. Klover	Miss Helen Fink	Mrs. W. C. Jacobson
1941	Lawrence	Mrs. W. W. Klover	Miss Helen Fink	Mrs. W. C. Jacobson
1942	Abilene	Mrs. W. W. Klover	Miss Helen Fink	Mrs. Harriet Kjeruiff
1943	Topeka	Mrs. R. E. Gaston	Mrs. Kenneth Jackson	Mrs. Harriet Kjeruiff
1944	Kansas City	Mrs. C. C. Emmerich	Mrs. Kenneth Jackson	Mrs. Harriet Kjeruiff
1945	Wichita	Mrs. C. C. Emmerich	Mrs. Kenneth Jackson	Mrs. Harriet Kjeruiff
1946	Abilene	Mrs. C. C. Emmerich	Mrs. Ernest Tonsing	Miss Helen Fink
1947	Hays	Mrs. Fred Kloepper	Mrs. Ernest Tonsing	Miss Helen Fink
1948	Topeka	Mrs. Fred Kloepper	Mrs. Ernest Tonsing	Miss Helen Fink
1949	St. Joseph	Mrs. Fred Kloepper	Mrs. Ernest Tonsing	Mrs. Walter Selle
1950	Emporia	Mrs. Ernest Tonsing	Mrs. C. Ellenberger	Mrs. Walter Selle
1951	Hays	Mrs. Ernest Tonsing	Mrs. John Zimmerman	Mrs. Walter Selle
1952	Kansas City	Mrs. Ernest Tonsing	Mrs. John Zimmerman	Mrs. Walter Selle
1953	Hutchinson	Mrs. G. L. Anderson	Mrs. John Zimmerman	Mrs. C. C. Emmerich
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